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## Minor hockey

The Highland Storm Novice team had a spirited fight during the MPS tournament in Minden on the Jan. 19 weekend. Here #3 Emily Alexander speeds down the ice ahead of her opponents from Huntsville. Read the story on page 27.

**Tim Tofflemire**  
Special to the Times

# MH ejects two from trailer park

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Two people illegally living at South Lake Trailer Park are being evicted by Minden Hills. At their Jan. 17 committee-of-the-whole meeting, councillors heard from Jim McGregor, who's been living at the trailer park since the fall of 2011 and who said he's paid the park's owner to live there on a yearly basis.

"It was only after receiving a letter from the building department on Nov. 30 that I found out there was a problem . . . that I was breaking the law," McGregor told councillors.

According to a report from interim chief building officer Colin McKnight, McGregor and Karen Sellers, who also wrote a letter to council asking to stay the winter, are in violation of the township zoning bylaw designating the trailer park as a recreational commercial zone, which means it can operate from April 1 to Nov. 30.

According to McKnight's report, living in the trailer park during the winter also violates the Ontario Building Code, since trailers are not to be used as dwelling units.

There is no running water or toilets at the facility during the winter.

"If you give us two months and two weeks . . . then come next fall we know we'll have to be elsewhere," McGregor, 67, said. "I have nowhere to go."

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# Teachers protest bill at MPP's office

**Dave Flaherty**  
QMI Agency

Members of the local chapter of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) took their beef to the streets on Wednesday, Jan. 16. High school teachers staged a protest in front of the office of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott.

Peter Carroll, president of the Trillium Lakelands Local 15 of the OSSTF, said they were expecting more than 100 members for the one-hour protest. They were joined by members of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, among others.

"It's great to have them supporting us," Carroll said.

"The purpose of this protest is to send a message to local MPPs and the Liberal government of Ontario," Carroll said.

Although Bill 115 was created by the Liberals, the union leader said it wouldn't have passed without the votes of Conservative MPPs, adding, "some of whom said the bill should have been even stronger."

Carroll said they haven't had any formal communication with Scott since the passing of Bill 115 because their provincial executives have been handling that, something he said is "likely to change."

Scott said Thursday the Conservatives supported Bill 115 for two reasons: the two-year pay freeze and "for peace in the schools."

"It wasn't perfect," Scott said, but the party wanted to make sure there were no labour disruptions.

She believes both the unions and the teachers mishandled labour negotiations and the students are the ones who have been suffering.

"It's been unfair to the parents and students, who shouldn't have been put in the middle between unions and the government."

She said the lack of extracurricular activities have been "a lightning rod" for criticism of the union. Carroll said once the government has taken action on the matter to their satisfaction, he believes teachers would be "interested in and



**Dave Flaherty** QMI Agency

Members of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) Trillium Lakelands Local 15 held a one-hour protest in front of MPP Laurie Scott's office on Wednesday afternoon. They were joined by the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario and Canadian Union of Postal Workers.

wanting to return to their volunteer activities."

Scott said teachers need to be more involved with their union.

"It costs a lot of money to go to the Ontario Labour Relations Board, I wonder if teachers are happy with their union dues going towards that," she said.

Scott said the Conservatives are working on a labour

white paper, which looks at the possibility of voluntary union memberships and labour law reform, which can be read at [www.ontariopc.com/paths-to-prosperity/flexible-labour-markets](http://www.ontariopc.com/paths-to-prosperity/flexible-labour-markets).

OSSTF members in the Trillium Lakelands district also held a protest at the office of Norm Miller, Conservative MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka Wednesday afternoon.

## Correction

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid has been on council for one and a half, not two and half, terms.

### Easy does it

Just south of Haliburton County on Highway 35 at the old, and now closed, Ultramar gas station a Carilion plow truck with a brine trailer got stuck Jan. 22.

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# Love gives traction to ice racers

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Sport often elicits a feeling of camaraderie, sharing a common passion.

Ice racing isn't any different, but for Dan Douglas, 39, and his older brother Andy Hughes, it's something more, something deeper than the ice track they tirelessly prepare and maintain over the winter. It's a family affair.

The two members of the Kin Club of Minden don't have a bad thing to say about the sport and appreciate the support from everyone who races to this "grass-roots" sport.

It was love at first sight for the brothers, who are former snowmobile racers.

Andy and Dan remember seeing an ice race on South Lake and two winters later they both sold their sleds in favour of cars.

As they say, the rest is history.

The Kin Club has been making and maintaining the ice track for four decades.

Far from just a figurative feeling of family, the racing bug shared by the brothers has even caught on with their wives, Tammy Douglas and Heather Hughes.

Tammy, 37, has been with Dan since 1995, which was when he started racing, she said.

"[I love] all of it. The people mostly, because they're from the city and this is the only time of year you get to see them, so it's like a big reunion," she said.

There's nothing else she has done that compares.

Tammy laughs about how she got into the sport, blaming her husband who came

home with a gift and a suggestion.

He came home and said, "I got you a car. Here, you're going to drive it."

Her first year of racing was in 2008 and is a two-time champ in her category (class 12 - front wheel drive and short wheel base).

Tammy's never raced against her husband and points out it's a good thing for Dan, who wouldn't be able to take it if she beat him, she said.

"We're a little competitive," she said.

However, she did go wheel-to-wheel with her brother-in-law Andy, who hit her "pretty good."

Tammy didn't mind. After all, it's part of racing.

Although the first week is tough, in regards to nerves, she said, subsequent weeks are better.

"Once you start going and you start passing people the adrenaline starts going. It's like go, go, go. Yes, yes, yes," she said.

She owes her racing to her local sponsors, whom she credits for supporting her racing.

Dan, a three-time champion, appreciates the competition, but savours the way everyone helps each other.

"I found the guy that I had to beat. He's winning. OK, what's he doing that I'm not? And I got to befriend him. He was very helpful. It doesn't matter if you're beating him or he's beating you. Everybody is usually very helpful ... why don't you try this? You're going too fast into the corner. You know, little tips," he said.

Looking back, he no longer understands spending \$8,000 on a snowmobile for a season that only lasts weeks.

He bought his ice racing Ford Festiva for



**Darren Lum Staff**

Kin Club of Minden members Andy Hughes, left, and brother Dan Douglas stand together with their "Redneck Fire Truck" before heading out to work on the ice track at the Minden Fairgrounds. The brothers have been racing since their 20s and are supportive of their wives who are also racers.

\$600 and has had it for 10 years. It's paid for itself. He's added a roll cage and made a few other additions such as tires.

"I have better race tires than I do for my pickup," he said.

Despite a pair of rollovers and when he "pancaked" his car, there are not many serious accidents. In all the years he's raced the worst has been a broken arm.

Sitting at the startline, Dan said he just focuses on what he has to do.

"I concentrate on that green flag. As soon as it drops I try and get, obviously, to be the first one to the corner. If I'm back a bit I try and get past as many as I can ... in my class passing is very hard because we're [all] very equal when we're racing," he said.

Cars overtake one another when mistakes are made.

"When I say mistake ... a guy goes a little too fast into a corner and slides a little too much and you can deke the inside."

A perennial contender, Dan said mistakes are rare among the top four so patience and focus are key to success.

Heather, 47, Andy's wife, said she was interested after watching her husband race. There is a practical application for auto racing. What she learned on the track she has taken to the roads, particularly in the winter.

"When you start to slide the automatic thing is to hit the breaks. Well, unfortunately with ice racing hitting your brakes only causes you to go into the snow bank. So I've learned that as soon as you start to slide you take your foot off the brake and don't even touch the gas and just steer. As soon as you put your foot on the brake you have no steering to the wheels whatsoever," she said.

She started seven years ago in the rubber class and continues to have fun.

Although Heather hasn't won any championships, she has gone wheel-to-wheel with her brother-in-law Dan and regular favourite Jonathan Rashleigh.

"Trying to catch them was a lot of fun," she said, remembering one race. "I ended up placing fourth in the class of around 25 cars."

She's also beat her husband in a race.

"We don't say it too often," she said. "I don't look at it as trying to beat somebody else or try to pass the husband. I just come out and have fun. You know, friendship. And learn how to drive my vehicle and control my vehicle on icy roads is the main thing."

Andy welcomes the chance to improve.

"She shows me a few things and I show her a few things," the two-time champion said. "It's pretty good. My brother races. My sister-in-law races."

More than 10 years has passed since his wife Heather became a Kin member.

"She was the first female [Kin member] when we went co-ed because she was helping out flood the track," Hughes said.

He figures close to 50 per cent of the racers are female now.

Equipment is pretty much stock for the couples, as they all race with the sub-compact Ford Festivas from the late-1980s and early 1990s.

The rookie numbers are continuing to grow despite overall entries leveling off.

Each race day there were close to 105 entries last year versus the high of 120.

Andy can't think of a better way to spend a winter weekend than racing with family and friends.

"It's the best fun you can have with a helmet on," he said.

*Come out and cheer on the couples or the several other local competitors at the Minden Fairgrounds.*

## Ice Racing

### Four basic groups of cars

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### Four basic classes

1. Rubber-to-ice (winter radials)
2. Street Stud (short round rubber stud)
3. Studded Tire (metal to ice)
4. Second Driver (an additional class for rubber-to-ice classes)



# Ice is not just for hockey players

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Like the changing of the seasons, for more than 40 years now, the Minden Fairgrounds has transformed into an ice racetrack.

Thought to be the only land-based car race ice track in North America, it draws hundreds of racers.

This instills a great sense of pride among Kin members including Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs Ontario Region ice race director Andy Hughes.

"It feels amazing. The president of the club [Tom Prentice] has gotten phone calls from other groups in northern Minnesota and northern New York State as to how they [should] build a track on land. We're still learning," Hughes, a Minden resident, said.

They've retrofitted a 600-foot-long hose to a donated Subaru Forester to make the track.

Racers come from all over the province to race in the six-week series held from January to March.

This draw is owed to the combined efforts of the Kin Club of Minden, which regularly contributes to local charities and initiatives. Not only do racers use the ice track, but it is also rented out to a winter driving school and major tire manufacturers and distributors, who use it to test products.

The Kin Club has been the shepherd of the near kilometre-long track that is more than 60-feet wide, banked by

10-foot wide and five-foot tall snow banks on the edge of town.

The work starts more than two months before the first race. Every track starts with a snow base of close to eight inches. Volunteers flood the track again over many nights usually. Close to 200 man-hours and 300,000 gallons of water are used for the initial flood. By season's end, there will be a little more than four million litres of water used for the ice track.

Kin Club of Minden president and area contractor Tom Prentice, who also supplies heavy equipment for the creation and maintenance of the track, has raced and helped prepare the ice (along with Kin members such as Hughes and Dan Douglas) for close to 40 years.

Prentice enjoys the challenge and the camaraderie of racing.

"Everyone gets along good. They help one another. It's not as if you're out there competing for big money. You're just out there competing to have fun," he said. "You can almost call it a social as much as it is a sport."

With his stock Subaru Forester circa 2000, Prentice races in the all-wheel drive, street stud category.

He doesn't know how many races he's won (figures a couple dozen trophies), but said control is the key to any track success.

"It just takes patience," he said. "You know one of the hardest things to do is when you're going up the ice and somebody's going by you [to not] want to shove the [accelerator] down. In all probability you're already spinning. It's hard to convince yourself mentally to let off on the [accelerator] to give 'er a chance for some traction."

The first race will be delayed at least a week, possibly two, he said since the January thaw set things back. The

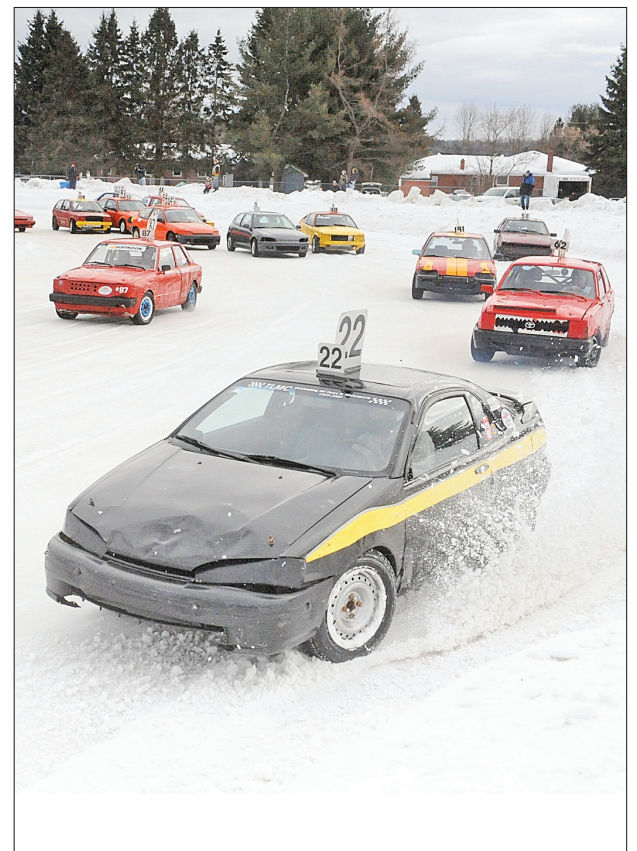
first races were scheduled for Jan. 19.

The Kin Club completed a study 20 years ago, polling ice racers, accommodators, gas stations, garages and food outlets. It revealed revenues of close to \$350,000 for the six weeks. Current estimates peg today's revenues close to \$750,000.

The idea for the ice racing came in 1976 when Prentice spoke to a guy about it in Peterborough.

"When we had the race and they took me out for a ride I was hooked," he said.

A year later it was included in the winter carnival. It didn't become a series until the early-1980s.



Angelica Blenich Staff

A car hits a snow bank as it makes its way around a loop during the ice races last year at the Minden Fairgrounds.

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# No food source, no coyotes

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Like the bear exhibit late last year, the R.D. Lawrence Place in Minden is looking to educate the public about coyotes with The Coyote Exhibit.

On display are an assortment of photos and corresponding informative captions and items such as traps, photos, skulls (coyote, dog and wolf), including a stuffed coyote and wolf to show the physical differences between the two species. There is also a children's activity that illustrates the paw tracks made by dogs, coyotes and wolves. This exhibit proposes a simple solution for coyotes, a perceived age-old problem.

Eliminate what draws a coyote to your home and cut off food sources and they won't be a concern, said R.D. Lawrence curator and exhibit organizer Darren Levstek.

With development of land for cities or suburbs, nature is often pushed aside. So, when wolves and larger wild animals leave, coyotes become the main predator.

"Because they're adaptable they can eat garbage, fruit, dog food, cats or dogs that people leave outside running around. They'll eat anything. Because they can do that they'll stick around. They don't care that humans are there. They're not there to attack the humans that are there because we're feeding them," he said. "So, because of that they'll stick around. They don't have any competition for a food source anymore. There's no one to fight off ... they become the top predator and stay. The only way to effectively get rid of them is to cut off their food source and force them back into the wild and let them live the way nature intended."

According to Ministry of Natural Resources findings, Levstek said there is futility in trapping or killing coyotes.

"If a coyote is killed or removed then the [coyotes] will make up for that loss and create larger litters," he said.

Although there isn't a definitive reason, the inference is that this is a defensive survival mechanism.

There are key differences between coyotes and wolves worth noting, Levstek points out.

Coyotes have a longer snout, pointed ears and a lanky body.

Physically they are smaller on average, weighing from 15 to 44 pounds compared to wolves, which weigh from 50 to 121 pounds.

Unlike dogs and wolves, they are the "perfect steppers," he said.

"Wolves and dogs walk ... you see all four [paw prints]. With coyotes you only see two because their back paw falls in place with their front paw," he said, adding foxes have a similar stride.

Characteristically coyotes do not hunt in packs like wolves. When they are seen in a group it is often a coyote family. They mate for life and are "family oriented."

Levstek finds it interesting how coyotes have adapted and have become almost invisible to people. People often mistake coyotes for dogs, as they are physically similar. There are numerous photos of coyotes with people or in urban centres.

The greater Chicago area has reportedly more than 2,000. There are photos, he said, of coyotes outside the walls of Wrigley Field baseball stadium for the Chicago Cubs.

Although many municipalities over time have declared "open season" on coyotes, the misunderstood animal is just trying to survive in a human world.

"We're the ones who infringed on the coyote's territory. They didn't infringe on ours. We took their land away from them. We took their safe zones away from them. We took their natural circle of life away from them. They've had to adapt to something new," he said.

The exhibit runs until April 13.

Later this year, the R.D. Lawrence place will have an MNR coyote expert speak. It is tentatively scheduled for March 16.



**Darren Lum** Staff

Above, curator of R.D. Lawrence Place, Darren Levstek, who stands in front of a stuffed coyote, is encouraging the public to come to The Coyote exhibit at the museum in Minden.

Left, the skull of the coyote, left, is very similar to the dog, a golden retriever, and the wolf. These are just a few of the items on display at exhibit. The exhibit offers an informative examination of the coyote and is on until April 13.

## Approval in principle for solar setup

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

*The following a brief reports of items from a special meeting and committee-of-the-whole meeting of Minden Hills council on Jan. 17.*

Minden Hills councillors granted approval in principle to a solar power generation setup from Zonda Energy Inc. for Concession 13, Part Lot 1, in the geographical township of Lutterworth during a special meeting of council on Jan. 17.

Previously, provincial regulations stating that operations under the province's FIT (feed-in-tariff) program could not be located on a property zoned for a dwelling or even adjacent to a property zoned for a dwelling had prevented council from granting approval in principle to such applications.

However, a Nov. 23 letter from the energy minister to the Ontario Power Authority amended these rules.

For facilities greater than 10 kW and up to 10 and

including 10 MW, there must be a minimum setback of 20 metres from all property lines.

For facilities greater than 10 MW, a 100 metre setback from all property lines must be established.

In the latter case, municipalities are able to reduce the setback to as little as 20 metres.

Minden Hills has said it will not be a blanket resolution and will deal with applications on a case-by-case basis.

### Township hires contractor

Minden Hills township will be paying Ontario Clean Water Agency up to \$10,000 for a variety of consulting services, including drinking water management training for staff, reviewing the township's existing operational plan, working with the township on a recent corrective actions report, assisting the township in conducting a management review and others.

Company NSF conducted an audit of the township drinking water quality management system in the fall and the township was instructed to correct two major

actions and nine minor actions.

"No action was taken on behalf of the township and on Dec. 23, 2012, a corrective actions reminder was received," wrote new environmental and property operations manager Ivan Ingram in a report. "At this time NSF was contacted to see about an extension to respond to the actions. Staff were informed that the township was to respond as soon as possible. It is imperative that the township receive its accreditation in order to continue serving water to residents of Minden Hills."

### Coin-operated water dispenser to stay at hall

Councillors recommended the purchase of a coin-operated water dispenser from The Birks Company for approximately \$14,000. While there had been discussion about moving the new tap to the community centre, councillors last week thought it might be best to leave the fire hall as the location for water fill-up. The service has been free in the past.



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## Give me shelter

IT COULD HAVE been handled better. It was an uncomfortable and unfortunate situation last week, when a man who had unknowingly been living illegally at a local trailer park during the winter appeared before Minden Hills councillors, asking for reprieve until next winter. Under township zoning bylaws, recreational commercial properties may operate April 1 through Nov. 30.

The township's building department in November notified the man that he needed to vacate the premises and more recently he'd received a letter from Minden Hills's legal counsel stating that if he did not do so by the end of this month, the township would take legal action against him.

At a Jan. 17 meeting, councillors went with the staff recommendation that the man, and a woman also living at the park, be forced to leave. The situation could have been handled better and with a lot more compassion. Fault for the whole ordeal lies with the park owner, not the tenants. So go after the owner. Take legal action against the owner if so compelled. The tenants were not to blame and therefore should not be punished.

There was much lamentation from councillors and sentiment that their hands were tied. Not really. They could have passed some kind of exemption, allowing the individuals to remain where they were for the season. In municipal politics, councils are the rule-makers and referees.

And how important are municipal bylaws, really? Not very. They're malleable. Councils change them all the time. They also disregard the rules when they feel like it.

Purchasing policies are set aside when councillors deem it justified. Minden Hills councillors did this recently.

And how are any of us to know that councils don't break their own procedural bylaws in closed-session meetings that are so common? None of us is there.

Also, citizens violate bylaws all the time. I'd bet every resident of the township has broken at least one bylaw at one time or another. For example, let's look at section 4.28 of the township's property standards bylaw.

"Each washbasin, a bathtub or shower, and one kitchen sink shall be equipped with an adequate supply of hot and cold running water. Hot water shall be supplied at a temperature of not less than 43 degrees Celsius."

Wonder how many inadequate sinks are out there. Better rip 'em out. The CBO's report also states that using a trailer as a dwelling unit is a violation of the Ontario Building Code.

Oh, no! Here come the provincial bureaucrats. Everybody run! Ever dealt with the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing? It's got as much teeth as the average nursing home resident.

The situation could have been better handled. Humanity could have prevailed over technicality. It was -15 degrees Celsius last Thursday. Surely council could have come up with some kind of contingency plan for these individuals.

Perhaps involving the rental property it owns at 2 Prince St. and was still looking for tenants for as of last week.

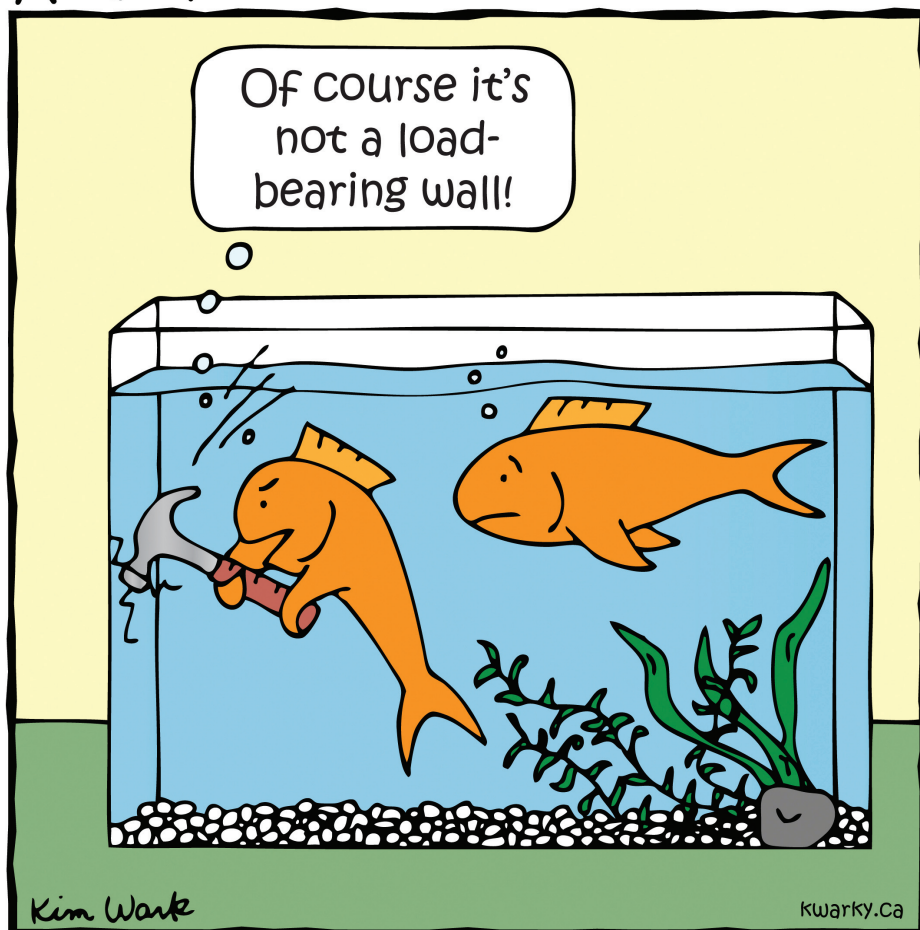
Cough.

It's important to remember that government is just an extension of the people it serves and I doubt there are too many Minden Hills residents who are happy to see these individuals being evicted in the January cold.



**Chad Ingram**  
Reporter

## Kwarky



## letters to the editor

### Why do we need guns anyway?

To the Editor,

My Jan. 9 edition of the *Minden Times* has finally arrived and I turn to one of my favourite columns, Neil Campbell's Back of Beyond. But instead of rural issues, nature, or the adventures of The Brown Dog Jiggs, I find a jump-on-the-bandwagon column calling for gun control! Ridicule the NRA: Why should anyone own this gun or that gun? CNN's Piers Morgan now has a voice in the *Minden Times*.

We had armed police in Toronto and Ottawa schools and no one ridiculed that suggestion. Why do we need handguns and semi automatic rifles? Well, all we really need is food, water, shelter and a latrine. Everything else is material wants. Why does anyone need a car that can go three times any legal speed limit? Why does anyone need a graphically violent video game?

Finally, the dismantling of the long gun registry. Neil asks, "How does it look now?" Looks

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### Idle no more

To the Editor,

Being one of three million Canadians, 1/6 of whom are children, living with asthma, please, could we idle no more than necessary? Schools and hospitals provide idle-free parking spaces. Store owners, councils, individuals - we could all take one more step to promote a healthy environment for a healthy community.

Leaving the car in idle for some is a habit or a convenience. One man said it was to keep his dog warm. But while we're waiting for the kids, defrosting the windshield, or running in to pick up milk or mail, consider the costs.

Warming up the car? Did you know 10 seconds in idle burns more fuel than restarting the engine? Add 15 per cent more fuel if car needs a tune-up. Restarting the engine exerts very little wear on the life of the battery or starter. Yet 30 minutes of idling burns up to 1/10 of a gallon or 3/10 for eight cylinder vehicles. That's wasted fuel. It only takes 30 seconds - not five minutes - for the engine to warm up. The best way to warm up a car is to drive it especially in winter when emissions

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# points of view

## A bad fit

**B**URIED DEEP IN the lesser-known news is the story of an incredibly fit 77-year-old Chinese man named Gao Yinyu. This guy possesses a physique so chiseled and youthful that it makes you actually wonder if he's not pulling one over on us all.

Sadly, he is not. No, his success is built on a rock solid base of resolve and hard work – which makes you like him even less.

Even so, as a 50-year-old man, I found his story inspirational.

Right up until I read the part about what he does to keep in shape.

Every day, it seems, he goes out into his yard wearing nothing but red men's bikini briefs. Then he does a routine or two on his parallel bars. After that, he takes off his underwear and goes for a leisurely skinny dip in the lake, followed by a good long jog.

It sounds almost reasonable until you factor in that he does this rain or shine and often, when temperatures plummet to -25 degrees.

My first thought was, if I were to attempt this, people from as far away as Bobcaygeon would hear the sonic boom produced by my shrinkage. I imagine it might sound like the cracking of a whip.

But enough about my fears. My real problem is that, even though his workout regimen has produced fantastic results, the price is far too high.

Still, I know you should never judge from a position of inexperience.

That's why I give this workout a try yesterday, albeit in a slightly modified format.

The temperature was -26, so I walked out the car, bundled only in heavy socks, winter boots, long johns, pants, a T-shirt, a sweater, wool coat and a hat. And then I started the vehicle and proceeded into a strenuous workout in which I scraped off the windshield for a few minutes.

I wasn't wearing gloves and nearly got frostbite – but, otherwise, the results speak for themselves.

Alright, I'll admit it; despite the huffing and puffing, I am no nearer to

having a chiseled physique than I was before I lost the coin toss to scrape off the car.

Of course, that comes as no surprise. I have read enough about fitness magazines to know that there is no easy

way to achieve it. You have to strain your muscles – no pain, no gain as they say. And that is precisely why I now buy the heaviest fitness magazines I can find.

That's only part of it. It also takes real commitment – the kind that allows you to keep your eye on the prize, even after the sonic boom. The end result, I suppose, is a longer, more productive life and the option of enjoying physical activities and play long after retirement sets in.

I must admit, it is tempting.

Nevertheless, if you happen to see me standing beside the rack that holds red men's bikini underwear, walk over and talk me down. My neighbours and the folks in Bobcaygeon will thank you.



**Steve Galea**  
Beyond 35

## Who's that barking at the door?

**I**N THE WEE, small hours of the morning, in the midst of a January thunderstorm, The Brown Dog Jiggs goes missing from Sapsucker Ridge.

Absent Without Leave. Lost in the woods for hours, perhaps devoured or drowned or snagged by his collar somewhere out there in the night.

Now, this is a true story, but most of what happened can never be known, for The Brown Dog isn't telling. All that I know for certain is that for six hours Jiggs was lost to me.

When he finally shows up, it is at the door of Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, a long walk from home in the dark.

Looking for his Mom, for it is a fact that my wife, Sandy Valentine, lives at Hyland Crest and Jiggs is a frequent visitor. Of course, Sandy and I are not his biological parents, but we are leaders of his pack, and our dog thinks of us as his grownups.

Now I am near the wrong end of the story, so I will start over. It is 3:30 Sunday morning when I let Jiggs out for a bladder break. He doesn't usually ask out in the middle of the night, but this time he insists.

Groggy is my state of mind. There is

a vague rumbling in my memory, but no thunderstorm until I hear about it later.

Jiggs awakens me with his agitation, nudges me awake with his long needle nose, paces, bumps into things, steps into a box of unfiled documents.

You might assume he is upset by the storm, but thunder never bothers Jiggs, so long as it stays outside his house. Oblivious, I let him out the door.

I sit in the dark at my kitchen table for a time, waiting for his bark. Back in bed, flashlight in hand, worrying through the night. Where can he be?

Just before dawn, still blurry with sleep, I go looking. It is a fool's errand, looking for a needle in a haystack. There should be tracks and there are. Thousands of them, leading everywhere and nowhere. Even the freshest-looking prints are indistinct from overnight snow, but I follow them anyhow.

Over hill and dale, not very far, really, but into unfamiliar territory. After a while, I lose the trail and lose

myself, too. I stumble through the gloaming, take a long time finding my way out.

Back home at last, I jump into my truck, follow fresh tire tracks down the road to Bob Lake, then the other direction all the way to town, find no clues. Jiggs has never been gone this long. He must be dead.

Back home, I grab my cellphone. I'll find an expert to help me look for his body, right after I check my voice mail. The first call was at 6:58, hours

ago.

"I think we have Jiggs," is the message from Hyland Crest nurse Jo-Anne Ecclestone. How he did get there?

On a meander through the woods and fields, then across the backyards of Highland Gate and McKayville? Or through Wayne Colman's gravel pits, then along Deep Bay Road? Out my road, then down Bobcaygeon Road, and into McKayville?

Three miles through blowing snow. If Jiggs remembers how he got there, he isn't saying. I am too relieved to be



**Neil Campbell**  
Back of Beyond

angry, but he'd better not do it again.

Perhaps he caught a whiff he knew and followed his nose, says Lynn Reynolds, my collie guru from Lakefield.

It is Hyland Crest housekeeper Diane Lichty who brings Jiggs in from the cold. She is vacuuming an anteroom when she hears him barking outside the window.

He meets Diane at the main entrance, armoured in ice and snow, barking for the glass doors to slide open. Jiggs knows his way around Hyland Crest for he visits Sandy almost daily, though this is his first solo appearance. Most staff know him.

Inside, he considers the elevator, then goes to the doors that look like those on Sandy's floor. His bark for admission brings the nurse to see what is the matter.

Jo-Anne Ecclestone takes him by the collar and leads him to the anteroom. She recognizes him at once, but Sandy confirms his identity. My wife hugs our dog.

"Jiggs came all the way here, just to see me. He loves me."

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# letters

## Stick to your roots

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just fine, Neil. Handguns have been registered in Canada since 1934. AR type rifles (black semi-automatic rifles) must also be registered. Both types of guns are much harder to acquire than long guns. If the registry were responsible for lowering violent crime, we would have seen the results from our handgun registry long ago.

Please Neil, stick to your "Back of Beyond" roots. I can get this exaggeration from CNN, the *Toronto Star* or the CBC.

**Ted Smith**  
Mississauga (and a place near Gelert)

## Reducing CO2 emissions is easy

from page 6

double in a cold engine.

We Canadians idle from five to 10 minutes per day. Nationally, on a typical winter day that adds up to more than 75 million minutes. If everyone avoided idling for just five minutes a day, we'd save 1.9 million litres. At \$1.20 a litre, that's not chicken scratch.

Then there's the health costs. Contrary to assumptions, we aren't protected from all air pollution inside the vehicle. The International Centre for Technology Assessment found, during idling, exposure to VOCs and CO (volatile organic compounds and carbon monoxide) is higher in than out. On behalf of others with respiratory infections, or cancer or children who are particularly vulnerable, please idle no more than necessary.

And of course there's our planetary health. We're already three quarters of the way to increasing global warming by two degrees, a figure scientist have said will be devastating. One third of Arctic sea ice has melted, there's a 30 per cent rise in ocean acidity, and here in the county, we're talking about the summer's drought and another poor maple syrup season. Isn't it time for each one of us to do whatever little thing we can to reduce CO2 emissions, for instance, idling no more than necessary?

Here are some things you can do to reduce idling.

1. Find out what other places are doing [www.hcdoes.org/air-quality/Anti-Idling/IdleFAQ.htm](http://www.hcdoes.org/air-quality/Anti-Idling/IdleFAQ.htm), 350.org
2. Ask council to take the next step to promote healthy families, active communities, and a healthy environment as described by the Active Communities Charter [www.hkpr.on.ca/healthy-lifestyles-master.asp?id=3241](http://www.hkpr.on.ca/healthy-lifestyles-master.asp?id=3241).
3. Write this paper. Tell your community why idling, no more than necessary, is important to you.
4. Write me at [gaiafarmhouse@gmail.com](mailto:gaiafarmhouse@gmail.com) for a handout and protocol developed by folks right here in Haliburton. These resources can help us to politely and respectfully ask someone, "please, idle no more than necessary."

**Carol Kilby**  
Algonquin Highlands

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# Bears' Lair is looking for entrepreneurs

**Sarah Deeth**  
QMI Agency

Budding and established entrepreneurs mulling over a new business idea may want to start working on those plans. The third annual Bears' Lair business competition begins Feb. 1. It's the region's version of the popular CBC show *Dragons' Den*, a chance for new and established business owners to test out a new business idea or expansion plan. It's run by the Workplace Development Board.

The winner walks away with at least \$5,000 and a prize package that includes a computer system, wardrobe advice, a website, social media coaching and printing materials. Previous competitions had several rounds in regions that included Haliburton, City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland.

This year's competition, co-chairwoman Tia Star explained, still encompasses those regions. But instead of several small competitions leading up to a grand finale there's one round before five or six judges choose seven finalists for the Market Hall finale on April 25.

All submissions are also going to be made through Facebook. As of Feb. 1 contestants can load a photo of their idea onto the Bear's Lair page, and write a brief synopsis underneath. But, Star explains, you don't necessarily have to show a picture of your product or explain your idea.

"You could write, 'I have a secret idea, find out what it is at Bear's Lair,'" she said.

Contestants are also required to create videos that will then be posted on a private YouTube channel. Star said only the judges will be able to see the videos.

"If you have a truly great business idea, you don't want everyone to see it," she said.

Organizers are still finalizing much of the criteria for the videos and hashing out a few smaller points of the competition.

Co-chairwoman Sofie Andreou said the Facebook page will contain links and tutorials on how to create and submit the videos.

Moving everything online helps organizers save a little money. Andreou also pointed out that they wanted to attract entrepreneurs of all ages this year, particularly young people.

The competition is open to everyone. Star said it makes no difference if you've got a great idea for a new business or already own a business and are looking to branch out.

There are no barriers when it comes to business ideas (so long as the idea is legal).

"It just has to be a good idea," Star said. "We're open to anything, as long as there's opportunity for growth."

Star won Bears' Lair last year, for her plan to turn her online women's wear boutique into a real store downtown.

The shop, Tia Star boutique, is located on Hunter Street. Her win was crucial to her expansion, she said. The contest also exposes up-and-coming business owners to services that are there to help them, Andreou said. Small business enterprise centres in each region have offered to coach contestants during the contest. The contest closes March 20. The seven finalists will be announced March 25. From there, they have one month to get ready for the big finale.

They'll receive some pretty intense coaching and advice, Andreou said, and have to make a three-minute presentation at an April 4 creative cocktail event. Anyone interested in being a Bears' Lair contestant should "like" the competition's Facebook page, which will ensure that you'll receive any updates as the competition begins. Anyone interested in being a sponsor for the competition can email organizers at [bearslair@wdb.ca](mailto:bearslair@wdb.ca).



Peterborough finalist Tia Star of TiaStar.com smiles after being declared the winner at the grand finale of the Bears' Lair Entrepreneurial Competition on Saturday, May 12 at Showplace on George Street in Peterborough. She beat Haliburton County's contestant Sarah Coombs. **Clifford Skarstedt** QMI Agency



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# Community Kitchen cooks up good will

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

On Monday morning they were busy at the Minden Hills Community Centre, chopping carrots and onions as they prepared meals for people they may never meet.

SIRCH's Community Kitchen program expanded to Minden recently and on Jan. 21, a group of local women were getting down to work, creating chicken bitters, soups and tea biscuits to be taken to the Minden Food Bank.

They meet twice a month, creating meals from food that is donated by citizens, the food bank or purchased on discount from a local grocer.

In the last two weeks, they've created 70 meals for those who might need one. The program is looking to grow through community partners.

Anyone interested in learning more or volunteering can call Daniela Pagliaro at 705-457-1742, ext. 31.

SIRCH also operates a Community Kitchen in Haliburton out of the United Church.



Chad Ingram Staff

Above, volunteers were making tea biscuits to go along with chicken bitters and chicken soups at the SIRCH Community Kitchen on Jan. 21.

Right, Kate Young and Joan Davies were busy chopping carrots.



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### Health care integration

Community Care representative discusses Local Health Integration Network integration process.

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# Township moves forward with subdivision plan

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

*The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Jan. 17 meeting of Algonquin Highlands council.*

A proposed subdivision that was first approved more than 20 years ago is moving closer towards development.

A revised proposal includes reducing the number of residential lots from 21 to 17 for the development on the Kennisis River.

In late 2012 the county of Haliburton received a formal request to revise the configuration of the draft plan from the original 21 residential lots and five blocks to 17

residential lots and six blocks.

The reconfiguration is to allow for drainage easements on two of the lots and for four of the blocks to be dedicated to the township.

"I've expressed this before, development is a good thing," said Reeve Carol Moffatt.

Council approved the revised draft plan subject to the following conditions: that the subdivision agreement contain a provision or provisions implementing the recommendations of the finalized site evaluation report, that four blocks as identified on the draft plan be dedicated to the township and that one block as identified on the draft plan be retained by the proponent.

The draft plan was originally approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs on Dec. 16, 1992 and did not contain a lapsing date.

## Tipping fees increased

Council approved a bylaw amendment that increases the tipping fees of all bulky items, shingles and chippable construction and demolition waste.

The new fees are \$40 per cubic yard for shingles, construction and demolition waste, both chippable and bulky items.

The increase is to help landfills offset their costs and bring Algonquin High-

lands's fees in line with neighbouring municipalities.

Reeve Carol Moffatt said she had not received any negative feedback about the increase and neither had public works director Mike Thomas.

"Contractors have said to me we should keep in line with other municipalities," said Thomas. Council agreed this was a move in the right direction.

"This is a good step," said Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen.

The fees will come into effect as of Feb. 1, 2013.



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— Mike Thomas



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# 'Pensive optimism' at integration

➤ **LHIN moves forward with integration of service providers**

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Community Care Haliburton is "pensively optimistic" about the integration of community-based health care providers being conducted by the Central East Local Health Integration Network after the initial integration meeting in Peterborough earlier this month.

Community organizations that provide health services in the county were already working on an integration plan at the behest of the LHIN, when that process was brought to a stop late last year.

"We were two days away from presenting a viable option for Haliburton County when we were told to halt everything," said Sherry Mulholland, financial administrator and privacy officer for Community Care Haliburton.

That process had involved processing the results of more than 400 community surveys.

"They explained to us that the reason this process was stopped was they had official word for the ministry of health that there was this new funding," Mulholland said, referring to \$20 million for small, northern and rural hospitals, nearly \$1 million of which has been earmarked for the Central East LHIN.

The Peterborough meeting brought together representatives from the organizations to be affected with executives and board members of the LHIN. "Because of that, they thought we may be able to look deeper into the integration and have more detail and have money behind it this time."

For Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes, the affected organizations are Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Ross Memorial Hospital, Community Care Haliburton, Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes and SIRCH community services.

While there have been concerns that the work done by Community Care Haliburton and SIRCH in the first integration exercise would be wasted, new HHHS CEO Varouj Eskedjian contends this is not the case.

"A lot of the baseline work in terms of information-gathering about the organizations but also some of the commu-

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—Sherry Mulholland

nity surveys that had been done will be brought to the table as information," Eskedjian said, adding that process now needed to be replicated in the City of Kawartha Lakes. "The City of Kawartha Lakes will have to catch up now, if you wish, to some of the work that has been done."

Eskedjian said the Peterborough meeting dealt with "some of the general principles around the whole process."

Mulholland said it's not clear at this point if the two Community Care organizations will retain their own boards or if they will be merged.

"Everything has to be determined," she said. "We're basically starting from the ground up again. The LHIN has made it

clear more than once that they have no preconceived notion of how this will turn out."

There will be weekly planning meetings between the two Community Care groups, HHHS, SIRCH and Ross Memorial Hospital.

By the end of this year, an integration plan endorsed by the boards of the affected organizations is to go to the LHIN.

The LHIN board then makes its own decisions on whether to accept the recommendations, sending a final plan to the ministry for approval between January and March of 2014.

The integration plan is expected to be implemented in April of 2014.

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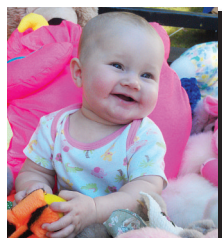


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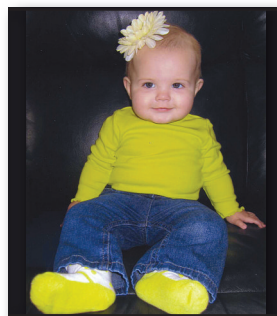
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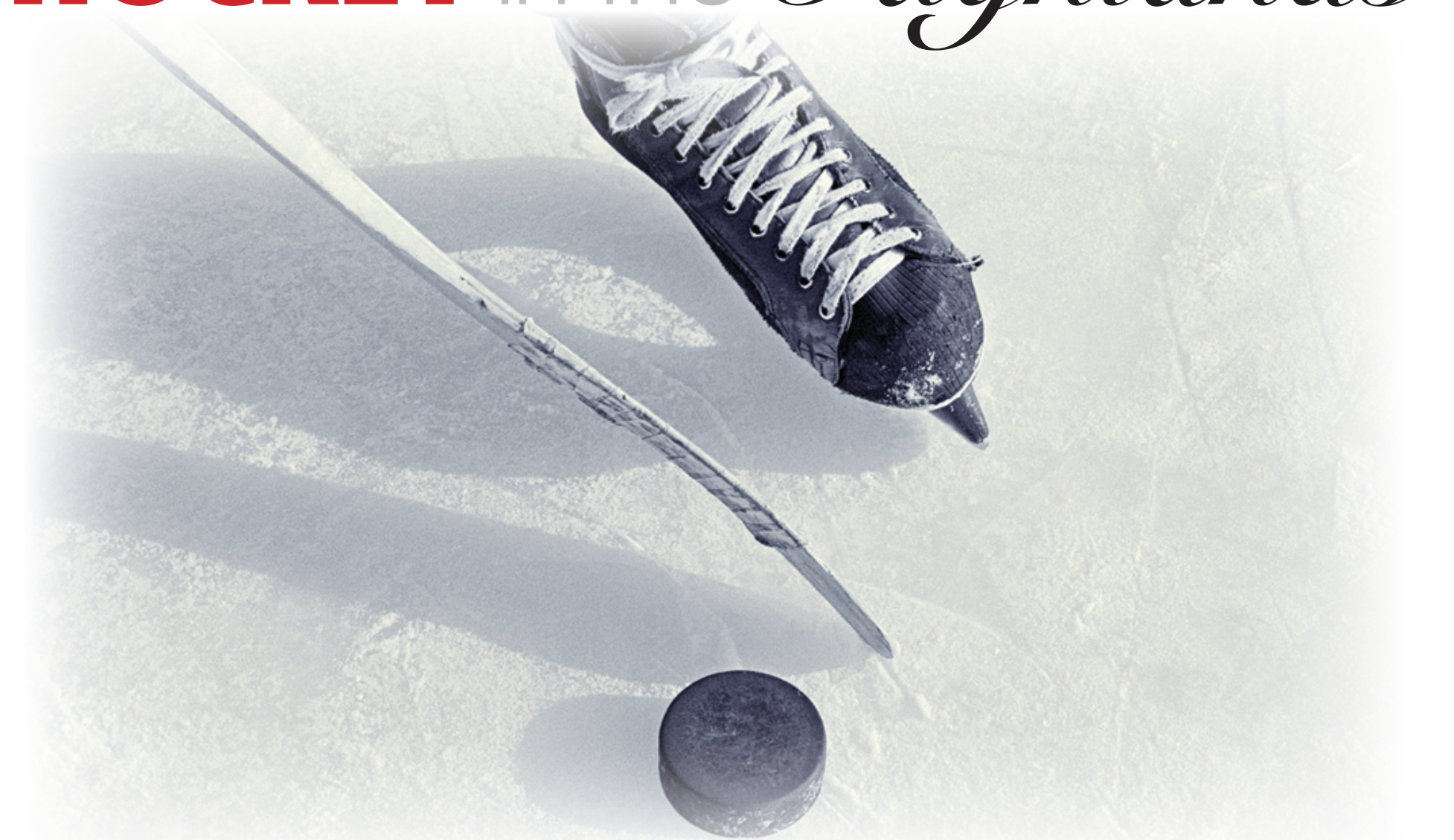
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# Home Builders' tourney benefits food banks

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

After 14 years, the Haliburton County food banks have never been let down by the Haliburton County Home Builders Association Hockey Tournament.

Since 1999, the event, which draws several hundred players from all over the province, has raised more than \$25,000 for the food banks.

The association's executive officer and event organizer Aggie Tose said although it has always been part of her job to co-ordinate the event, she never forgets its importance.

"It's always a fun time. Over the last 14 years we've raised a substantial number of dollars for the 4Cs [in Haliburton] and the Minden Food Bank so like everybody else we're trying to do our part to make it a little easier for them," Tose said.

Wade Woodward is credited for presenting the idea to the executive.

This event started, Tose said, because "many of the 'original' home builder members were hockey players and it seemed like a simple way to encourage home builders to work together."

The home builders "took on the food banks right from the beginning as their beneficiary for all charity events. There are so many deserving groups who are looking for assistance but the members felt they could do more good for the community if they concentrated on one group. The food banks are not limited to any one community as our membership is not either so we make perfect partners."

The manager of the Minden Food Bank Joanne Barnes said it's these types of events that enable her to serve the community.

"Without the donations and all this extra help we wouldn't be able to help near as many people. We have a huge number of people needing help," she said.

The need is constant. With the food bank since 2007, Barnes has seen the need grow in the last three years. Before that, demand was mostly seasonal.

"We take in as many new people in the summer as we do in the winter now," she said.

There are close to 250 families registered and between 100 and 130 families a month using the food bank. It used to be between 75 and 100 families three years ago.

"There's a core list of products we buy. Those are just

the basics and when we have these fundraisers we [buy] all these other foods and we're able to give people a variety, which normally they wouldn't see so that's a real benefit," she said.

Barnes said they are always in need of cereal, children's lunch food including fruit juice boxes, fruit cups and cheese snacks.

Judy MacDuff, who has volunteered with the 4Cs food bank in Haliburton since 1995 and is now its treasurer, has seen the benefits first-hand.

The money not only goes to food, but also other initiatives such as the energy program, which helps with hydro and oil bills.

This year's event boasts 16 teams in three divisions (Home Builders, Open and Over 35) with close to 200 players.

The annual tournament is at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden and starts at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 25 and continues the rest of the weekend ending with finals on Sunday, Jan. 27.

Email [info@hchba.ca](mailto:info@hchba.ca) for more information.

## Notable teams

In the Home Builders' division, the Burtch Construction team has won the title seven times since 2002. Gary Burtch's son, Andrew, entered his own team in 2007, the G's Unit. They have won the division four times since.

The Misfits and the Minden Mallards, both local teams, have been perennial powerhouses and have shared the Open Division titles.

Organizers credit the out-of-town teams such as (Joe's) Ragin Bisons, (Scott's) Mitt Lickers, Hamilton Home Builders Association and The Dominion (of Canada Insurance Company), including local teams (Steve's) Churko Electric, Haliburton Realtors, (Derek's) Dukes, (Ritchie's) TBDTEA team and (Mike's) Royal Foodland for their participation.

New this year is (Anthony's) The Piners, (Chris's) Tomahawks, (Don's) Southern and (Kevin's) Royals.



## Home Builders Charity Hockey Tournament Schedule

**January 25 – 27, 2013**

**All games are at the Minden Arena**

### Friday, January 25th

1 7 p.m. HB G's Unit Vs Tbdtea  
2 8 p.m. O35 The Piners Vs Haliburton Realtors  
3 9 p.m. HB The Dominion Vs Hhhba  
4 10 p.m. OP Minden Mallards Vs Mitt Lickers  
5 11 p.m. O35 Royal Foodland Vs Tomahawks

### Saturday, January 26th

6 7 a.m. OP Dukes Vs Royals  
7 8 a.m. O35 Churko Electric Vs Southern  
8 9 a.m. OP Mitt Lickers Vs Ragin Bisons  
9 10 a.m. HB The Dominion Vs Puck Up  
10 11 a.m. O35 Royal Foodland Vs Haliburton Realtors  
11 12 a.m. HB G's Unit Vs Hhhba  
12 1 p.m. OP Minden Mallards Vs Dukes  
13 2 p.m. O35 The Piners Vs Southern

14 3 p.m. O35 Churko Electric Vs Tomahawks  
15 4 p.m. HB Tbdtea Vs Puck Up  
16 5 p.m. OP Royals Vs Ragin Bisons

Minor Hockey Playoff Game (6 p.m. to 8 p.m.)  
Playoff 17 8 p.m. Hb 2nd Place Vs 3rd Place - Winner To A Final  
Playoff 18 9 p.m. Op 2nd Place Vs 3rd Place - Winner To A Final  
"C" Final 19 10 p.m. O35 5 Place Vs 6 Place

### Sunday, January 27th

"B" Final 20 8 a.m. O35 B - Over 35 Final - 3rd Place Vs 4th Place  
"B" Final 21 9 a.m. Hb B - Home Builder Final - 4th Place Vs 5th Place  
"B" Final 22 10 a.m. Op B - Open Final - 4th Place Vs 5th Place  
"A" Final 23 11 a.m. O35 A - Over 35 Final - 1st Place Vs 2nd Place  
"A" Final 24 12 p.m. Hb A - Home Builder Final (1 Vs Win-

ner Of Game 17)

"A" Final 25 1 p.m. Op A - Open Final (1 Vs Winner Of Game 18)

### Divisions

#### Home Builder Open

1 G's Unit 1 Minden Mallards  
2 TBDTEA 2 Ragin Bisons  
3 The Dominion 3 Mitt Lickers  
4 Hamilton Hammers 4 Dukes  
5 Pucker Up 5 Royals

#### Over 35

1 Churko Electric  
2 Haliburton Realtors  
3 The Piners  
4 Southern  
5 Royal Foodland  
6 Tomahawks

Note: Games are free to watch, except the Storm game on Saturday at 6 p.m.





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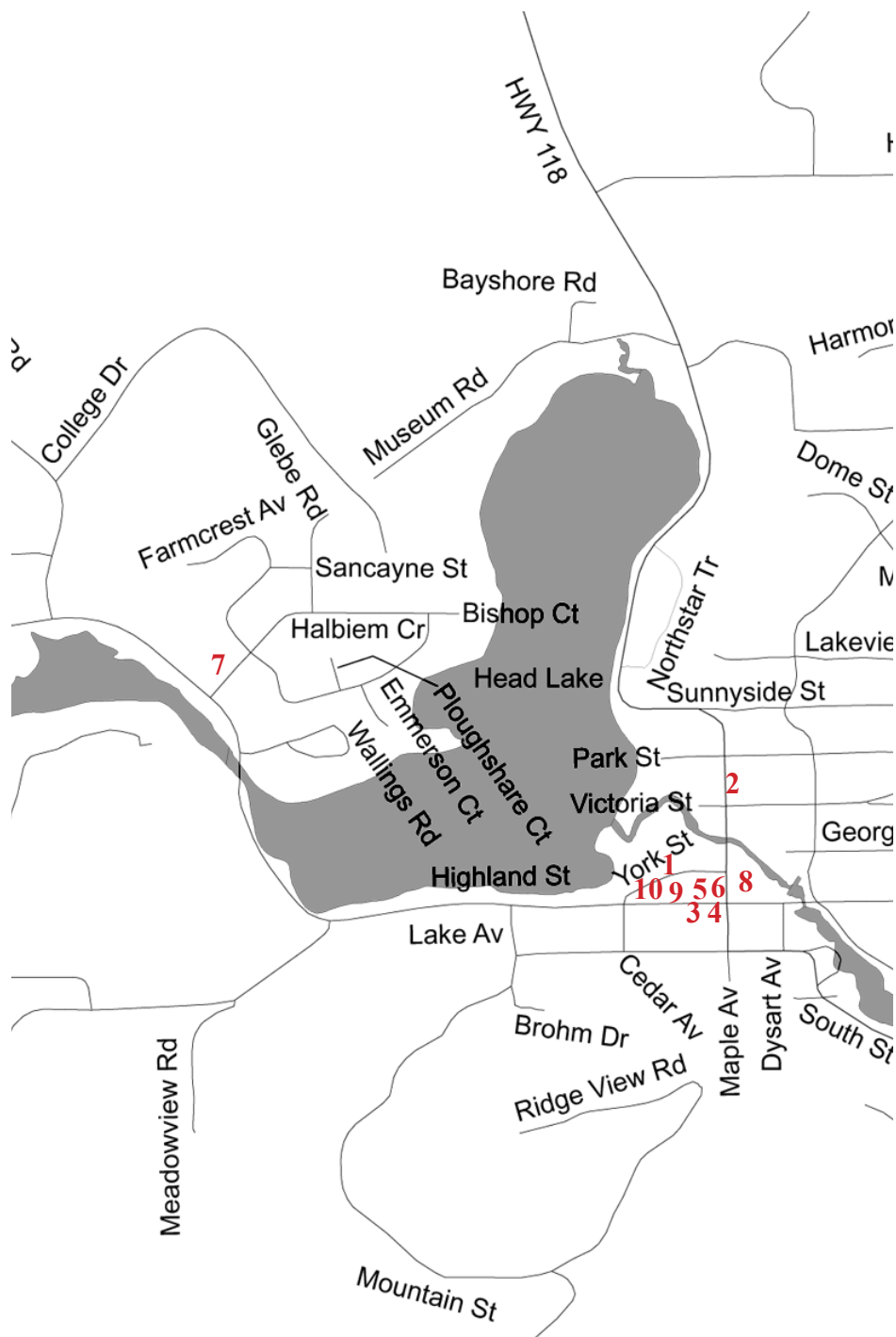
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# Pond hockey ignites Canadian tradition

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Come this weekend, Haliburton will host a Canadian winter fantasy.

With hockey players of every type skating, passing and shooting pucks, Head Lake and the pond in front of the Pinestone Resort will be a showcase of Canadiana with the Canadian Pond Hockey Championships Jan. 25 to 27 and Feb. 1 to 3. Although last year the event was cancelled, mainly due to weather, it has returned, leaving behind Huntsville for the Haliburton Highlands for the first time since it started in 2006.

Founder Neil Lumsden appreciated the volunteer efforts in Muskoka, but thinks the Highlands offers less of a corporate atmosphere and more of a community one.

"It extends even further into the community and I think when it comes to building an event that will last ... the idea is to find the location we have ... it's limitless other than the weather," he said.

Lumsden co-founded the event with Mark DeNobile and Dorian Andrewes. The inaugural event was at the Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville seven years ago. It drew 110 men's teams and 20 women's teams from seven provinces and five U.S. states. The event grew from there.

By 2007, the event expanded to two weekends to accommodate growing popularity. Teams have come from the U.S., Scotland and as far as Japan.

Games have two 15-minute halves and are monitored by an off-ice official. Without any offsides and icings, the game is a free-flowing affair (with no body-checking) involving four players a side sans goalies. Teams are allowed two substitutes that can be switched on the fly. Equipment is at a minimum with just skates, sticks, hockey gloves, shin guards, helmets and sometimes elbow pads. Goals can only be scored from within the attacking zone. Former NHLers the likes of Steve Larmer, Bryan Trottier, Scott Thornton, Brad Delgarno, Gary Leeman and Vincent Damphousse have played, as well as musician Jim Cuddy. Walter Gretzky has been an honorary member. This year's honorary chairperson is Walt McKechnie. Lumsden is a former CFL player, who played for the Toronto Argonauts, Edmonton Eskimos and the Hamilton Ticats. He said sport, like this event, has always been about the people more than anything else.

"When it's all said and done you don't remember who scored the goals. You remember who you were playing with. So, the people you meet in sport are what's really important," he said. "I met and got to know a lot of really great people that



**Darren Lum** Staff

The Trailer Park Boys Scott Neilson, from front left, Brad Park, Jeff Wilson, Jesse Johnson and Ryan Wood is the only Haliburton entry at this year's Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships in Haliburton. This is the team's first entry to the national championship. They will play this weekend starting on Friday at 1 p.m. and 4:20 p.m. on Head Lake and 8 a.m. and 9:40 a.m. at the Pinestone Resort on Saturday. Finals are Sunday. Absent is Jeremy Miscio. There is a Minden team, The Kash Raiders, led by Jamie Walker in the Greybeards (+50) division.

played and continue to play in this event. So, for me that is a highlight."

He's reminded of a year when ice conditions deteriorated because of warm temperatures.

As Lumsden was making the call to stop play, he remembers a guy came up to him.

"Look, this is pond hockey. Don't worry about it. It's not going to be perfect," the man said.

"So, everyone took their skates off and put their boots on

and played like [it was] street hockey," Lumsden remembers.

It was a testament to the kind of people drawn to this event.

This event is more than just a game. It goes deeper.

"Once you get here and play it's kind of special. And that to me ... to watch people play and enjoy, that's all I need," he said.

On Friday night McKecks Tap and Grill in Haliburton will host an event scheduled for 9 p.m. Confirm with McKecks ahead of time by calling 705-854-0012.

Close to 2,000 players are expected to come to Haliburton County over the next two weekends. Left, an aerial view of the rinks made for last years Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships in Huntsville.





# A nostalgic twist on Scotty Morrison showcase game

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

When the idea for a Red Hawks/Redmen hockey alumni game was just a seed of an idea no one was sure if anything would come of it.

Now there is great excitement for the pair of Saturday evening games in the Scotty Morrison Hockey Tournament Feb. 1 to 3 in Minden.

The first game at 7 p.m. will showcase the younger set of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) alumni from 1998 to 2011 teams. The second game at 8:30 p.m. will feature Redmen teams from 1987 to 1999. Rosters bring together brothers such as the Morrisettes, the Billings and the Joanus, to name a few.

It promises to be a great showcase of Haliburton County hockey talent from the last couple of decades.

Current Red Hawks coach Ron Yake, who has been at the school since 1988, will helm the 1987 to 1999 Redmen team.

"I am looking forward to the alumni games. It will be a great celebration of the friendship and memories of Redmen and Red Hawks hockey played by many students in our county over the past 27 years," he wrote in an email.

Under his leadership, the HHSS have been to the all-provincials three times (2004, 2007 and 2010) and received an Antique Bronze (fourth) in 2004.

Also coaching will be retired HHSS teacher Paul Morissette, current HHSS teacher Bruce Griffith and HHSS principal Dan Marsden. All of them have been part of the coaching staff over the years.

Morissette will coach against Yake. He plans on an all-star-style game where players will be encouraged to free wheel.

The program has always been competitive.

Few teams want to play the Red Hawks, he said, because they know they are in for a hard game. Despite the drive to win, they all exude sportsmanship.

This game will also give Morissette a special opportunity to coach all of his sons (Jason, Kevin, Mark and Mike) at once.

"That'll be fun. I'll make sure all four of them are on the ice together," he said.

People will get to see players from nearly every era of the team.

Morissette adds this tournament is more about the camaraderie and the spirit of sport than trying to win at all costs. A lot of the players, many of whom who haven't played in a while, are looking forward to reminiscing, he said.

At 25, Jesse Johnson, didn't think he was old enough to be included in an alumni game.

Like other fans, Johnson can't wait to see the Morissette twin brothers – a pair of phenoms who went on to play for junior teams. He remembers being a kid in the stands, watching them play.

Jason, 40, the eldest of the four Morissette brothers has already told his wife to get a photo of him and his brothers on the ice. It might be the one and only time.

Now that he is a teacher at the school, he sees pride in HHSS players.

They play for not just the school, but also the county, he said.

He will never forget the social side, meeting and playing with guys from all over the county (an unlikely scenario pre-Highland Storm days).

Jason laughs about emails he's received recently about old friends getting back into shape to avoid embarrassment. Some are squeezing in hill runs in the next few days to avoid the verbal barbs.

"We're not getting any younger," he said, adding it'll all be in good fun.

Walter Tose, who is one of the organizers, credits the alumni games to Brent Flood, a



Scott Morrison, the namesake for the tournament happening in Minden Feb. 1 to 3, stands with an HHSS alumni jacket in Haliburton earlier this year. The tournament will bring together alumni teams to play against each other. Darren Lum File photo

player from the first Redmen team.

Tose said Flood messaged more than 200 alumni from the past 20 years.

After hearing about the idea, Flood didn't hesitate.

"I have participated in the Scotty tourney the past two years knowing that Scotty is a great person and is putting his name to something he truly believes in. Everybody I have been in contact with is very excited to see old friends. Even the people that couldn't make it because of other commitments would have loved to have been here," Flood wrote in an email.

Morrison is a former Highlander of the Year, recognized for contributions to the community. The Scotty Morrison Tournament is an event rooted in love.

Morrison's wife died just days before the first tournament, but he attended anyway

because of the importance Community Care played in his life. He was honoured to have a tournament named after him and has been a staunch supporter of the organization, which supports seniors and people with disabilities in this community.

This event does more than raise money. It also raises the profile of the organization, which offers transportation, home maintenance, home help, friendly visiting, security or reassurance, social recreation, emergency response systems, meals on wheels and the diners' club.

As part of the planning committee, Paul Morissette was excited about the event, but never realized how popular it would be with alumni until the rosters were made last week.

He believes the interest could warrant a repeat performance, possibly annually.

## 5th annual Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament schedule

### February 1 – 3, 2013

#### All games are at the Minden Arena

##### Friday, February 1, 2013

6 p.m. Open Ga Hammer Heads Vs Dukes  
7 p.m. Open Ga Bone Thugs Vs Jock Offs  
8 p.m. 50 + Haliburton Wild Vs Valiants  
9 p.m. 50 + Haliburton Old Guys Vs Dundas  
10 p.m. Open Gb Dump Bear Vs Moose Delaney's  
11 p.m. Open Gb Dirty Dawgs Vs Hitmen  
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##### Saturday, February 2, 2013

9 a.m. 35 + Moose Knuckles Vs Peter North Stars  
10 a.m. 50 + Grimsby Guzzlers Vs Lg3  
11 a.m. Open Ga Jock Offs Vs Hammer Heads  
Noon Open Ga Dukes Vs Bone Thugs  
1 p.m. 35 + Right Wingers Vs Moose Knuckles  
2 p.m. Open Gb Hitmen Vs Dump Bears  
3 p.m. Open Gb Moose Delaney's Vs Dirty Dawgs  
4 p.m. 50 + Wg4 Vs Grimsby Guzzlers  
5 p.m. 35 + Peter North Stars Vs Right Wingers  
6 p.m. 50 + Wg3 Vs Lg4

##### HHSS Alumni Exhibition Games

7 - 8:30 p.m. Red Hawks 98 - 11 Vs Red Hawks 02 - 11  
8:30 - 10 p.m. Redmen 90 - 98 Vs Redmen 87 - 99  
10 p.m. Open A4 Vs B4  
11 p.m. Open A3 Vs B3  
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#### Game 1 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

##### Red Hawks 1998 to 2011

Ryan Hutson (goalie), Ian Bottum, Ryan Bottum, Adam Clarkson, Andi Donaldson, Scott Griffith, Ashton Haley, Nick Kulas, Brandon Logan, Matt Rae, Logan Roberts, Jarrett Rowden, Josh Shaw, Mitch Vasey, Travis Walker, Tyler Watson

#### Red Hawks 2002 to 2011

Ian Sachs (goalie), Jeff Burk, Greg Clements, Matt Clements, Joel Cooper, Matt Eno, Jordan Joanu, Zack Joanu, Jesse Johnson, Derek Nesbitt, Dave Petch, Benji Saunders, Joey Sisson, Adam Tomlinson, Josh Townsend

#### Game 2

##### 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

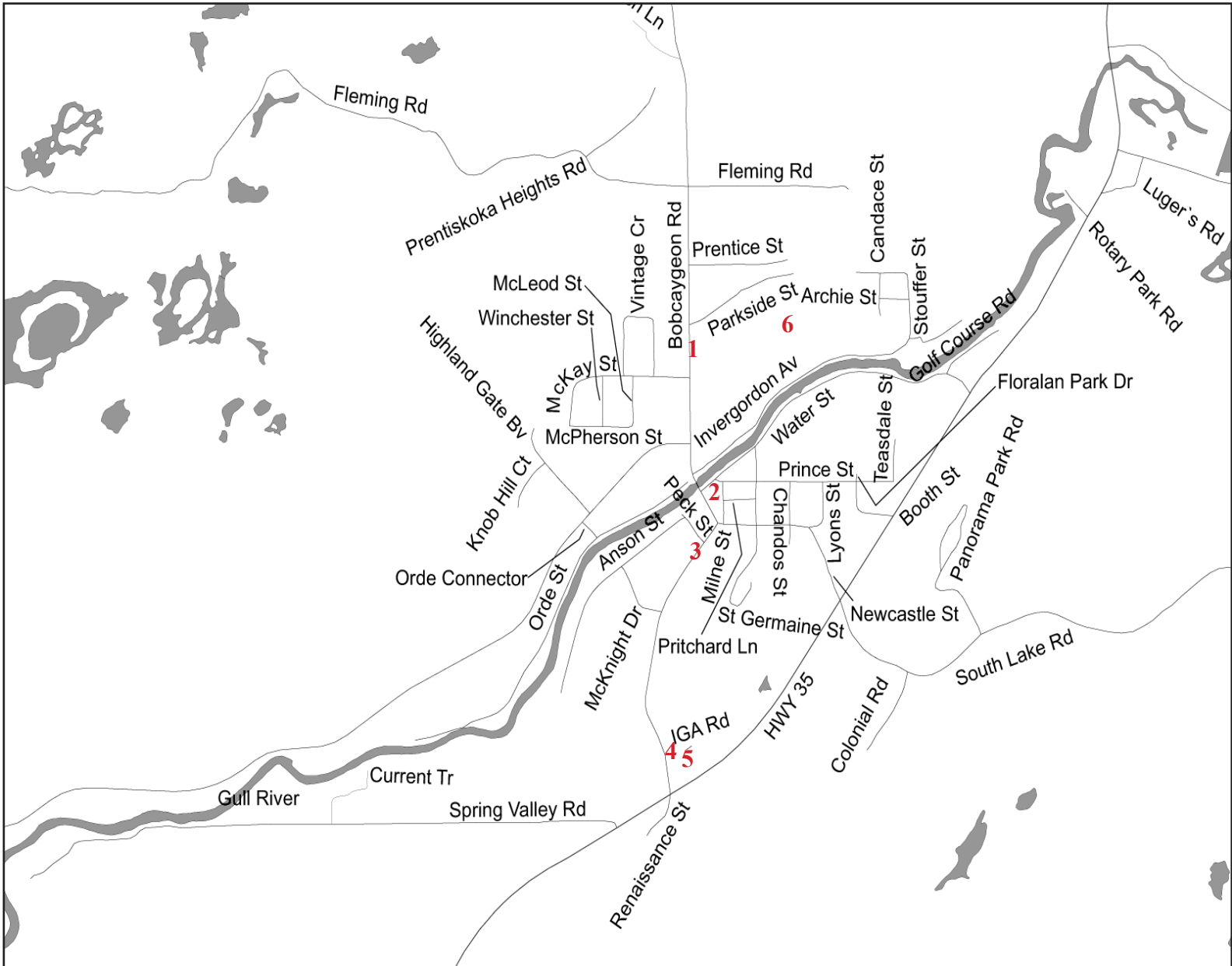
##### Redmen 1990 to 1998

Pete Brohman (goalie), Andy Billings, Brent Flood, Jamie Fryer, Corbie Kent, Gavin McKnight, Jason Morissette, Kevin Morissette, Mark Morissette, Mike Morissette, Jackie Morrison, Shawn Perrin, Ryan Simioni, Mark Stamp, John Vuksic, Brian Waller

#### Redmen 1987 to 1999

Andrew Burk (goalie), Jason Billings, Mike Billings, Jeff Black, Bill Bradley, Greg Brohman, Josh Burk, Corey Casey, Chris Greenfield, Tim Keefer, Darren Mills, Scott Nesbitt, Wyatt Nesbitt, Jeff Popple, Curtis Reynolds





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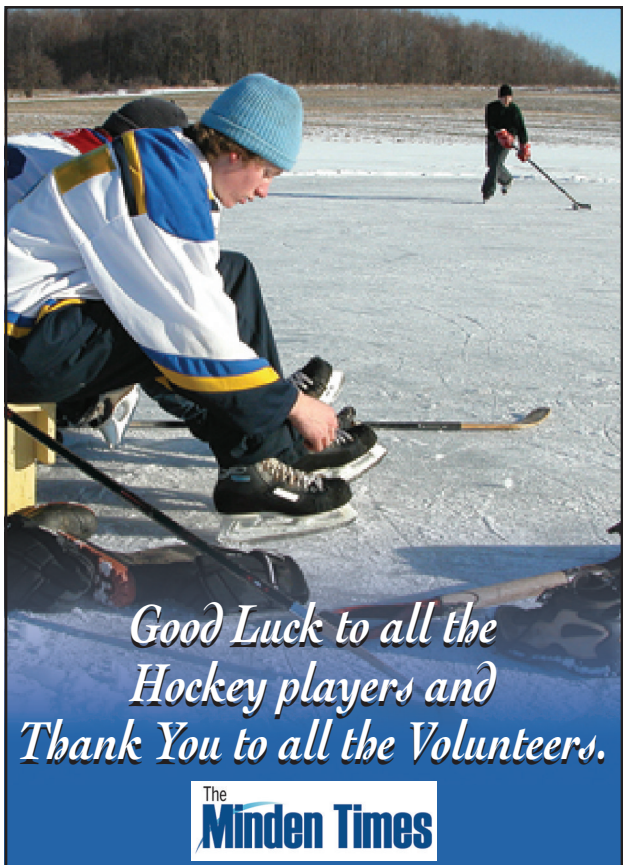
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# Report offers snippets of Haliburton history

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

Life in Haliburton County has always been about the land – though the use of that land is rapidly changing.

From small subsistence farming to recreational boating, the geography has played a major role in who lives here and why.

In a recent report from the University of Toronto, Sali Tagliamonte and Martin Sneath from the linguistics department have recorded small pieces of what life was once like in the Highlands through more than 30 interviews with local people.

Not surprisingly, the stories the researchers heard centred on the outdoors – hunting, fishing, farming, logging, hockey, gardening – along with other social aspects of life like family, school and music.

“Haliburton was a ‘gold mine’ of stories and personal histories,” Tagliamonte told the paper in an email.

“We even had the opportunity to interview four war brides about their experiences in adjusting to the Canadian culture in Haliburton back in the old days after World War Two.”

The pair conducted interviews around the county in May, 2012, looking for rural Ontario speech patterns and sayings, through storytelling.

To give back to the community, those recorded stories were given back in a report called *Home in Haliburton: A Grassroots Perspective*, which is available at the Minden and Haliburton library branches.

The slim volume is a collection of anec-

dotes covering topics both serious and humorous.

“Haying was the busiest time,” a male subject, 84, is quoted as saying in the book.

“That was when you start cutting hay and in those times the hay balers didn’t have something that threw it up into the wagon. You dropped it and you had to throw it back onto the wagon or you stoked it and left it standing.”

A 73-year-old man said: “Then we kept sows, horses. There was no such thing as a tractor in them days. She was all hand-bombed, was all work.”

Stories are written verbatim and names, though listed in the front, are not attached to individual stories to preserve anonymity.

“We used to pick raspberries, used to be thick ... And we’d go down there with our buckets and have a belt with a pail so you could pick with both hands. And you always worried about bears coming around,” a 54-year-old man told the researchers.

These types of stories are quickly becoming part of Haliburton’s past, Tagliamonte said.

“Small mixed farming was a way of life in the early days of Haliburton. We learned so much about how people banded together and helped each other. The stories we heard are really a legacy for future generations. This type of world will probably never come again,” she wrote to the paper.

Other stories detail hunting excursions, logging practices and community celebrations.

Tagliamonte said reception from Haliburtonians was warm, though she wishes she could have connected with high school students.

One of the people she interviewed, Lou Hodgson, has since died, reminding Tagliamonte of how important it is to capture memories of times past.

“His stories of hunting, trapping and some

great experiences with fishing and bears are now recorded for posterity. This is rich material and it champions the elders of Haliburton. I feel very privileged to have played a small part in it,” she said.

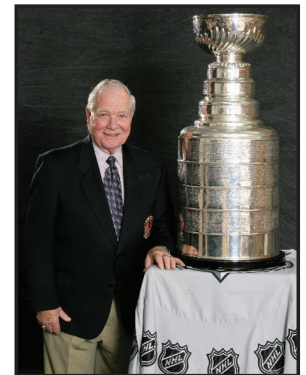


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## Wigamog debt may lead to sale

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

Negotiations are ongoing between one of Haliburton's oldest resorts and Meridian Credit Union on how to repay debt with the bank.

The Wigamog Resort, established in 1903 on the shores of Lake Kashagawigamog, could be put up for sale by the bank if a settlement can't be reached, a corporation dealing with the financial negotiations says.

“Asta’s role is to say, OK can we negotiate a deal? What can we do here to keep all the parties happy?” said Greg Willmott, director of mortgage banking with Toronto-based Asta Corp.

Willmott said his corporation has been acting as a manager for the last year hoping to bring the resort out of debt on behalf of the owner, German company IC Immobilien.

While the Wigamog has its own management making the day-to-day decisions, Asta is responsible for making a deal with the bank.

According to Willmott, the bank has decided it wants repayment now. “Meridian has asked for repayment. The investors

did put additional funds in to do renovations and attempted a reopening of it last September and proceeded and Meridian came back and said no we want a pay out of our funds,” he said.

To this end, a letter went out to those owed money by Wigamog explaining the situation. It reads, in part: “While discussions are still ongoing, it must be expected that Meridian will proceed with a sale of the property under power of sale should no acceptable settlement be achieved.”

Despite this, Willmott said he is hoping for the best. “What the hope is if a deal can be made quickly we can restart and reopen it, because the longer it’s closed, the more difficult it is to reopen it,” he said.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said he was sure the resort could be rejuvenated. “Wigamog’s been a signature tourism [site] for the county. It’s had a long history and a good reputation for many years,” he said.

He praised past owners for its expansion and said the lakeside location would continue to attract visitors.

Fearrey said the resort industry across the province was having trouble because of the economy.

The Wigamog closed its doors Dec. 31.



# Township cites bylaw, building code

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McGregor said he contacted the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, which oversees the building code and was told that the ministry doesn't evict anyone, judges do. Earlier this month, McGregor received a letter from Edward B. Veldboom, a solicitor for Minden Hllls. "You are hereby requested to cease any use of the trailer site and trailer hereon except during the permitted operating season," the letter reads. "The township will be conducting further inspections no later than Jan. 31 and should the inspections reveal that continued use of this trailer site/trailer is occurring, the township will commence legal proceedings against you and any other person who has occupied the trailer site/trailer outside the permitted operating season."

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**I feel bad for them too, but unfortunately, I've got a job to do.**

— Colin McKnight, chief building official

McKnight said there have been complaints about use at the site.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch called the situation unfortunate and Councillor Ken Redpath said allowing the use to continue would put the township in contravention of provincial legislation. "I feel bad for them too . . . but unfortunately, I've got a job to do," McKnight said. Reeve Barb Reid asked McKnight if park residents who used their trailers occasionally during the winter had been notified this was not permitted and he said yes. "Can I ask that the members of the press be very considerate when writing about this," Reid said. "It's obviously a sensitive issue for the two people involved. To maintain the dignity of the people involved I would ask for your consideration when writing about this. If you choose to write about it at all." The Times was unable to contact the park owner.

## Flu outbreak at Minden long-term care home

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

There's a flu outbreak at Highland Crest. In a press release Friday, Haliburton Highlands Health Services announced residents of Minden's long-term care home had been dealing with a strain of influenza A since Jan. 15. "The flu vaccination rate for residents at Hyland Crest was extremely high this year, we are hopeful this will help to decrease the severity and duration of their respiratory symptoms," the release read.

Hyland Crest remains open to visitors, but they are asked to report to the nursing station upon arrival. Skype visits can be arranged with the facility's activity staff. "It's valuable for them," HHHS CEO Varouj Eskedjian said of the online service, which allows face-to-face meetings. "In situations where we do have outbreaks and we want to have minimal sort of contact with the residents . . . we certainly make that available to them as an option." Those who have not had a flu vaccination or are feeling ill are discouraged from visiting the facility at this time.

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# Young curlers rock out

The youth of Minden are enjoying another exciting season of curling. Sunday the Bantam age curlers are on the ice, Tuesday the high school and Tim Bits teams practice and Thursday the elementary school program has the ice.

We have 27 curlers in the elementary school program this season.

The elementary school age children enjoyed a Christmas bonspiel with prizes and pizza to celebrate the halfway point in the season.

The club also has additional youth members representing the club and community at various competitive and non-competitive bonspiels. On Sunday, Nov. 26 the girls team of Alanna Casper, Alex Casper, Catherine Alksnis and Brianna Hall competed in the Pepsi Junior Women competition and got through and won the zones competition.

The regional bonspiel was held on Dec. 1 in Annandale and the team played well but did not advance.

In the Woodville bonspiel in December the Bantam girls team of Alanna Casper, Alex Casper, Maggie Harris and Michelle Notter won the fun bonspiel.

Second place was won by the Bantam girls team of Alyssa Denyer, Sam Miller, Emma Cox and Tori Hawley.

The Bantam boys team of Sam Pilcher, Marshall Petry, Seb Muli and Dan Murdoch also enjoyed a good day. The first weekend in January the Bantam boys team of Cody Williams, Sam Pilcher, Dan Murdoch and Zac Williams won their division, there were four division, in the Bradford bonspiel.

The second weekend of January is the first round of Zone playoffs and there were three teams from the Minden club represented. The Bantam girls team of Alyssa Denyer, Sam Miller, Emma Cox and Tori Hawley won the zone competition and are heading to regions next weekend in Newmarket. The girls would like to thank their sponsor McBain Quarries in Minden.

The boys team of Cody William, Sam Pilcher, Dan Murdoch and Zac Williams had some very strong competition and lost in the B semi finals.

The boys team of Marshall Petry, Andrew Carmount, Josh Colicchia and Seb Muli played very well and won one game.

The high school girls team with Laura Pottier, Holly Broderick, Emily Shapiera and Alyssa Denyer have advanced through the first level of zones and are preparing for the regional bonspiel in Omeme Feb. 2 and 3 and are also getting ready for the Gore competitions.

We are fortunate to have qualified coaches and talented volunteers to help with the youth program.



Two of the teams that played in the Christmas bonspiel from left to right: Josh Colicchia, Seb Muli, Dan Murdoch, Cody Williams, Caden Little, Ben Prentice, Drew Foster. Dave McKay in the back ground tallies the scores.

Thanks to Dave McKay, Eric Casper, Russ Duhaime, John Childs, Scotty Boyd, Jane Boyd, Gord Sheehan, Royce Miller,

Heather Taylor, Tony Taylor, and Patti Goreski for their mentoring.  
*Submitted by Lynda Litwin*

## Minden beats Haliburton in bonspiel



The winners of the first draw was Dave Connell's team from Haliburton with Lorraine Forgrave, Don Critchley and Keith Clarkson. Submitted



The final day of the interclub challenge between Haliburton and Minden took place on Tuesday, Jan. 15 at Minden Curling Club with the result of Minden besting Haliburton with a difference of only 2 3/4 points. Linda Easton presented the Easton Valumart Trophy to the day's overall winning team of Ron Bobbie, Bernice Murray, Dave Tranter and Kim Burk, from the Minden Club. Submitted

## Fall 2012 league and playoff results

### Monday Evening Ladies:

- League Winners: Denise LeBlanc, Jane Boyd, Dale Rider, Vicki Colicchia

- Playoff A Event Winners: Melanie Vigrass, Pauline Plooard, Carol McClenan, Vickie Tranter

- Playoff B Event Winners: Pattie Goreski, Carolyn Ludlow, Dianne James, Vickie Tranter

### Tuesday Evening Men's

- League Winners: Scotty Boyd, John Sloan, Mike Clewlow, Tyler Warham

- Playoff A Winners: Scotty Boyd, John Sloan, Mike Clewlow, Tyler Warham

- Playoff B Winners: Ted Wilkes, Dave McKay, Cec Ryall, Royce Miller

- Playoff C Winners: Steve Robson, Tony Taylor, Len Goreski, Doug Brown

### Thursday Evening Mixed:

- League Winners: John and Susan Sloan, Donelda MacLean, Sandra Warrington

- Playoff A Winners: Ed and Mary Cope-land, Donelda MacLean, Sandra Warrington

- Playoff B Winners : Mike Clewlow, Sandy Bell, Chris and Judy Price

- Playoff C Winners Jim McGregor, Heinz Huck, Andy and Marielle Sykes

### Friday Evening Mixed:

- League Winners: Scotty and Jane Boyd, Ted and Ruby Wilkes

- Playoff A Winners: Dave and Barb Millington, Scotty and Jane Boyd

- Playoff B Winners: Melanie Vigrass, Doug Brown, Bert and Jayne Kennedy

*When submitting photos, please try to send the largest file size to ensure the best print quality.*



# minor hockey



**Tim Tofflemire** Special to the Times

The Highland Storm Novice team had a weekend of ups and downs at the Muskoka Parry Sound League tournament last weekend. While there was some excellent play, Parry Sound and Huntsville took the titles for the B and A divisions respectively.

## Lady Luck not on Storm's side

This weekend the Highland Storm Novices hosted the Muskoka Parry Sound League Tournament.

The Storm played Huntsville Otters first thing Saturday morning.

We were able to hold them off for most of the first, however, the Otters managed to score.

Despite great efforts from the entire team, Huntsville beat the Storm 8-0.

The Storm headed out for their second game of the day to face the South Muskoka Bears.

The team came out strong, and held back the Bears for the first period. Our team played hard, however, the Bears scored two goals in the second and another two in the third, to end the game 4-0.

The team was not going to get down. We faced the Port Carling Thunder for our third game.

The Storm was pumped and determined; we were playing some of the best hockey of our season.

After lots of end-to-end play and Damon Harriss posting his first shut out, the Storm won 4-0.

Goals for Gage Hutchinson, Colin Glecoff, Hunter Winder and Matthew Vargas, assists Nick Phippen (3), Emily Alexander and Ty Mills.

We carried momentum into Sunday morning's game against the Parry Sound Shamrocks. After a couple tough breaks Parry Sound scores with 49 seconds to go in the first.

We come back out strong in the second, with a goal from Kyan Hall assisted by Nick Phippen.

After another exciting period Parry Sound scores late in the second.

Storm come out hard in the third, however, Parry Sound managed to find the back of the net three more times to end the game 5-1.

The Highland Storm headed into the B finals to face Parry Sound in a rematch of the morning's game.

Looking for revenge, the Storm played their hearts out, however, Lady Luck was not on our side as the bounces didn't go our way.

Parry Sound took a 1-0 lead deep onto the third, adding an empty netter and another last second goal to end the game 3-0.

Congratulations to the Parry Sound Shamrocks B division champions and Huntsville Otters for winning the A division championship over the South Muskoka Bears.

*Submitted by Trish Phippen*

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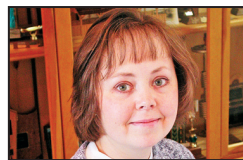
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# Lace up for the family skating party



**Melissa Alfano**  
Dorset News

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Two more weeks! You can join the fun at the fitness class at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. with Motivations. Cost is only five bucks and the class is a blast! Geared to adults 55+ but all are welcome.

Wear comfortable clothing, proper footwear and bring an exercise tube (resistance band), mat and hand weights if you have them. Call the centre at 705-766-9968 to sign up.

The Lake of Bays Anglican Parish annual vestry meeting is taking place at St. Ambrose church in Baysville following the 10 a.m. joint service (no service in Dorset) on Sunday, Jan. 27.

All are welcome.

For more information, contact lakeofbaysanglican@hotmail.com or call 705-641-8787.

A special cooking class has been added to the schedule at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Thursday, Jan. 31 starting at 7 p.m. Join Trading Bay Dining Company chefs Jenny and/or Andy for a fun evening learning how

to make pasta from scratch.

Various recipes will be demonstrated and there will be recipe handouts. Come hungry as the evening will end with eating up the results!

Registration is required and the cost is only \$5 per person, all materials supplied. If you have a hand crank pasta machine, please bring it along. Email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968 if you would like to register.

The Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival Prince and Princess Pageant is taking place again this year and all boys and girls ages four to 13 are welcome to join the fun. Kids must enter by Jan. 31 to be included.

Parents stop by the recreation centre or email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca to obtain a registration form.

There are different age categories with different themes and requirements so don't wait too long to pick up a registration form.

Winners will be announced at the family skating party (or dance weather dependant) on Friday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. Winners and runners up will also be asked to ride the pageant float in the Snowball parade on Saturday, Feb. 16.

For more information, call 705-766-9968.

The YMCA Employment and Literacy Service can help you with your job search. Employment specialist Jennifer Kingshott will be at the Dorset Recreation Centre the

second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to assist.

To find out more or to book an appointment, email huntsvilleerc@ymca.ca or call 705-787-0349.

Organizers are ready to go for the annual Dorset Poker Rally scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 9 with all proceeds to aid Lions Camp Dorset and the Tall Pines Snowmobile Club.

Watch the news for more information as the date approaches or call Charmaine at 705-766-9263 or Helen at 705-766-2662.

The Dorset Lions Club is inviting all seniors ages 50+ to their annual complimentary seniors dinner for Dorset area residents taking place on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at the Dorset Recreation Centre.

Reservations are required so please call Esther at 705-766-2830 by Feb. 20 if you want to attend.

Birthday wishes for Jan. 20 to 26 go out to Samantha Black, Shirley Brown, Madison Allore and Happy Anniversary to Doris and Rick Nash!

Be sure to give me a call or drop me a line to send wishes to your special loved ones or even you. So, for all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my email address which is malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at home at 705-766-0076.

## Cribbage returns to the Minden Legion



### Legion br. 636

The Royal Canadian Legion in Minden continues

to be busy. We would like to thank the Legion members and the members of the public who continue to support us by coming for lunches, attending our meat draw, coming for Friday night fish and chips, and attending all of our other functions. Your support ensures the continued good work of the Royal Canadian Legion.

The Minden Legion's loonie auction will be taking place this Saturday, Jan. 26.

We would like to thank all of the people who have donated items so far. Items can still be dropped off at the Legion.

You can come in at any time after 12:30 p.m. on the

day of the auction to preview the items.

A light lunch will be available for purchase and the auction will start at 2 p.m.

Cribbage is coming back to the Minden Legion starting Saturday, Feb. 9. We plan to hold cribbage every Saturday afternoon starting at 1 p.m. The cost is \$3 person.

Remember that our club room is open every Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m.

We have been watching football, hockey, figure skating, curling, soccer, and whatever else our patrons ask us to put on the three televisions. We continue to welcome the public to visit us at the Minden Legion.

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The very best of birthday wishes go out to Toos Reid this week! Enjoy your day! Your many friends wish you many more!

Birthdays are uncomfortable things for me, I don't like a fuss but I love to be remembered on that day. I

am embarrassed at receiving gifts but appreciate getting them - I am strange!

As you can see I don't have very much to report this week, its that gap in activity that happens every once in a while.

The weather has changed and we are now getting what winter should be and working at Sir Sam's Ski is making winter a little more interesting for me.

It's interesting to note that this past Monday is supposed to be the most depressing day of the year for various reasons, the bills are coming in from that Christmas spending blitz, it's the dead of winter with shorter days

and freezing temperatures and there are no holidays in sight!

There are people who sit at desks figuring this stuff out so that if you try to not think of these things they will come along and remind you!

Anyway they have called this "Blue Monday" and say that it is based on a mathematical formula.

There are also suggestions of ways to combat this depression, which include staying busy and exercise.

Apparently exercise cures all! Well it's past and no one I know suffered from it.

Have a great week!

## THE FAST LANE

Corporate/Social League evening of Jan. 8  
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Team	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Points	Mvp Of The Night
Todd's Independent	2	2	2	60	Tanya Titus 165
Point In Time	3	4	1	50	Amanda 135
Kawartha Dairy	1	3	4	50	Sherry 130
Canadian Tire	5	1	3	45	Jackie 155
The Bob's	4	5	5	20	Mark Arike 90

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### Thursday aft. mixed bowling - Jan. 3

Weeks High Scores (with H/CAP)  
Ladies High Single Helen Dentinger 298  
Ladies High Triple Pat Stiver 750  
Men's High Single Ray Lymer 270  
Men's High Triple Ray Lymer 699

### YTD Flat Average

Ladies - Helen Dentinger 175  
Men's - Gerry Wagg 180

### Thursday aft. mixed bowling - Jan. 10

Weeks High Scores (with H/CAP)  
Ladies High Single Jean Barry 258  
Ladies High Triple Rose Cummings 686  
Men's High Single Jim Cummings 283  
Men's High Triple Ed Braithwaite 764

### YTD Flat Average

Ladies - Helen Dentinger 173  
Men's - Gerry Wagg 180

### Monday Evening Mixed Bowling - Jan. 7

Weeks High Scores (With H/cap)  
Ladies High Single Nancy Hughes 276  
Ladies High Triple Nancy Hughes 738  
Men's High Single Doug Reinweld 274  
Men's High Triple Doug Reinweld 687

### YTD Flat Average

Ladies - Cathy Snell 221  
Men's - Rick West 194

### Monday evening mixed bowling - Jan. 14

Weeks High Scores (With H/cap)  
Ladies High Single Rose Cummings 306  
Ladies High Triple Rose Cummings 780  
Men's High Single Brad Duckworth 306  
Men's High Triple Brad Duckworth 721

### YTD Flat Average

Ladies - Cathy Snell 219  
Men's - Rick West 193

### Haliburton County Red Wolves Jan. 9

Mens  
Brandon Bailey 154  
Charles Cary 143  
Trevor Brauer 143  
Ladies  
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Carrie Crego 186  
Andrea Austin 181



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### NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

**AND FURTHER THAT** at its meeting to be held **Monday, February 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- File No. H-039/12  
Applicant: 1392789 ONTARIO INC.  
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 4 & 5, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Lutterworth  
Nature of the Application: New Lot & Right-of-way
- File No. H-040/12  
Applicant: Joseph & Cynthia FEATHERSTONE  
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 12 & 13, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Lutterworth  
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2013

Michele Moore  
Deputy Secretary-Treasurer  
Haliburton County Land Division Committee  
11 Newcastle Street  
P. O. 399  
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0  
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## Notices



### CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION**  
(Application No. AH-ZBA-004/12; Roll No. 46-21-001-000-76300-0000 - Robinson)

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Township of Algonquin Highlands has received a zoning by-law amendment application regarding the above-noted property and in accordance with Section 34(10.1) and 34(10.2) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990 has deemed the application to be complete.

**ADDITIONALLY, TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands will hold a Public Meeting in relation to the application on:

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2013**  
at 9:00 am  
**Township of Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office**  
1123 North Shore Road  
Algonquin Highlands, Ontario

**THE PURPOSE** of the Public Meeting is to provide information and receive public input on the Zoning By-law Amendment Application and is held pursuant to Section 34(12) of the *Planning Act*.

The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend the zoning on the proposed severed lot of consent application H-035/12 from the "Rural (RU)" Zone to the "Highway Commercial (C1)" Zone. The lands to which the property are being added to are currently zoned "Highway Commercial (C1)" and the rezoning will result in the lot addition lands being in the same zone as the lands to which they are being added.

The effect of the By-law will be to satisfy a condition of consent to allow for a lot addition to a commercial property.

**ANY PERSON OR AGENCY** may attend and provide representation at the Public Meeting and/or make written representation prior to the meeting, in support of or in opposition to the proposed By-law.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Algonquin Highlands before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of Council of the Township of Algonquin Highlands to the Ontario Municipal Board.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Algonquin Highlands before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

**IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED** of the decision of the Township of Algonquin Highlands in respect of the proposed By-law, you must make a written request to the Township Clerk/Planning Administrator.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** is available from the Township Office during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

**DATED** at the Township of Algonquin Highlands on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2013.

Dawn Newhook, Clerk/Planning Administrator  
Township of Algonquin Highlands  
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**Jan 25, 26 and 27:** 15th Annual Charity Home Builders Hockey Tournament: "NEW LOCATION" - S G Nesbitt Arena, Minden Ontario. For more information call Aggie Tose info@hchba.ca or 705-457-6901

**Jan 31:** Bobcaygeon Senior Citizens Centre Fund Raisers. We have scheduled a bus to Casino Rama this is a Fund Raiser for our Seniors Centre. The cost is \$2.00 for the bus and Buffet lunch. Departing at 8:30 from 100 Head Street Bobcaygeon and returning at 4:15. Come join us for fun on the bus. Contact Judy: 705-738-4490

**Feb 1-3:** 5th Annual Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament. Located

at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden. All proceeds benefit senior and adults with disabilities in our local community. Contact: Hilary@cchaliburton.com 705-457-2941

**Feb 2:** Minden and District Horticultural Society's Annual Pot Luck Luncheon, beginning at 12:00 noon. Located at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. Speaker TBA, please bring a dish to share and your own place setting. Come join us to learn what exciting things we have planned for this new season. For more information call Rose at 705 286 3157 or Sandra at 705 286 1439

**Feb 9th:** The Tall Pines Snowmobile Club and the Lions Camp Dorset Dialysis facility are once again holding their annual poker rally. The even is held at Lions Camp Dorset on County Rd 8 just outside Dorset, The event is to raise funds for the camp dialysis facility as well as the Tall Pines Snowmobile Club.

Help to preserve our History with a Veteran's war museum Wanted: British, Canadian or German WWI and WWII items. Uniforms, helmets and caps and medals, photographs, shells and weapons. Please do not donate money. Items broken or in part are welcome. Contact Martin Hofland at 705-457-2382



# Saying goodbye to longtime family member



**Patti Fleury**  
Around the Town

705-488-2938

brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Now there are three.

This week we lost the pony named Prince who had been part of our lives for some 28 years.

Bruce's favourite and the only male (gelding) left in the quartet, Prince had a winning personality in spite of having to deal with frequent rejection by the others.

Good neighbour Wayne, another Prince fan, arrived to help Bruce and they were able to find a proper resting spot for this special pony here on his farm, the only home he had ever known.

So many of you will have lost a pet friend, large or small, and experienced the sadness that follows.

Now it's Sunday morning and the blizzard conditions will limit travel plans so instead the Canadian Nationals figure skating finals will be on the menu.

Last night much out of character we actually chose to watch the Leafs versus Canucks only to lose the satellite signal in the last few minutes with Montreal already having pulled its goalie.

A great start to what hopefully will be a good season for the Leafs and as the familiar saying goes "hope springs eternal".

Every Labour Day weekend the fabulous Kinmount Fair draws thousands of visitors. The Kinmount Agricultural Society which puts on the fair will hold its annual meeting on Friday, Jan. 25 at the Galway Hall. The potluck supper begins at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 8 p.m.

Reports from the 2012 fair will be received along with presentation of the annual financial report and elections of officers. The meeting is open for any interested person to attend and for more information contact Guy Scott at 705-488-3182.

The AGM at Kinmount United Church is also coming up on Sunday, Jan. 27 at the Church following the 9:45 a.m. Service (regular time) and the monthly Grandmothers to Grandmothers luncheon which raises funds for those in Africa caring for children orphaned By HIV AIDS. Rev. Dr. Carol Kilby will be in the pulpit.

Mark your calendars now for the 2nd annual Kinmount and District Educational Bursary dinner and loonie auction on Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Galway Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m. for a social hour with a cash bar then dinner at 6 p.m.

There will also be a country auction, door prizes and of course the popular loonie auction. Tickets are \$12/person and available at the Kinmount Pharmacy on the lower level of the Medical Centre (705-488-1960) or by calling Vic at 705-488-3053.

This event raises funds for bursaries for local students going on to post secondary education at university, college or trade school.

In 2012 assistance was provided to seven students.

Please note that the Galway Hall is now fully accessible.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy a country evening out for a good cause supporting our young people.

The Kinmount Seniors are sponsoring their next trip to Casino Rama on Thursday, Feb. 14 with the bus leaving the Legion parking lot at 9 a.m. and returning at 4 p.m. A free lunch is included in the modest fee. To reserve your spot please call 705-488-2669.

For the dart players a reminder that at the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount Monday is Ladies Darts at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday is Mixed Darts also at 7:30 p.m. and that there will be an open charity dart tournament on Saturday, Feb. 9 with registration at 9:30 a.m. and play to start at 10 a.m.

The re-opening of the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace after its usual January closing for a sprucing up was originally scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 2. At this time a crew of volunteer members have been working hard to be ready but due to some necessary revisions to the heating system this date will now be changed to mid February.

For any enquiries or need to access please call here at 705-488-2938 or Judy at 705-488-2201.

The annual general meeting for the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild which operates the Marketplace is set for Sunday, March 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Kinmount Community Centre above the Marketplace.

Have you started creating your toboggan yet for the prestigious downhill dash contest at Kinmount Winterfest on Sunday, Feb. 24?

Only cardboard and tape can be used in its construction and there will be prizes for both the best decorated and furthest distance in 3 age categories.

Helmets are mandatory and pre-registration can be made at Gateway General Store.

Please note that there was an error in last week's column showing this event on the Saturday.

Until next week ...

## U-links announces new projects

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

An upcoming consumer survey conducted by the U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research will give the community an idea of what shoppers purchase locally and what they look elsewhere for.

U-Links director Heather Reid visited Minden Hills councillors at their Jan. 17 committee-of-the-whole meeting to talk about the project, which will be conducted as a sort of exchange using students from the University of Wisconsin.

"The students brings the people power to get out on the streets and talk to people," Reid said.

The intended outcome is to provide municipalities with information as to what sorts of businesses they should be trying to attract to the area.

The University of Wisconsin will provide some funding and U-Links will be

looking to the Haliburton County Development Corporation as well the county's four lower-tier municipalities for additional funds.

Another upcoming project, this one in partnership with the county as part of its growth strategy, will have students identifying vacant lots within the settlement areas of the county and digging up information on those lots.

"We're working with Gull Lake for the first time," Reid said, explaining a student had been taking some biological samples there in the fall. "She has just produced some result from that monitoring and then her second of the project is to look at other quality measures."

Reid said with water quality becoming an issue for more and more lake associations and the MNR and MOE looking as though they're going to play a reduced role in upcoming years, there is an opportunity for U-Links to get involved in more of these sorts of projects.

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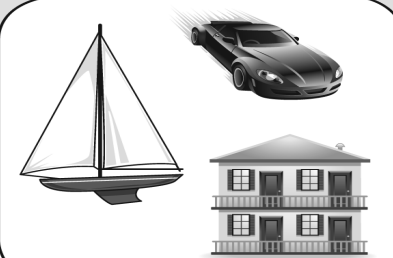
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*Births*

**Rowen Peter Eli Johnson**



Born Dec 26 to proud loving parents  
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## Thank You Cards

**James "Jim" Brown**

Thank you to all the friends and relatives who attended both Jim's Interment on Nov. 24th and his Celebration of Life on Jan. 12th. As well, thank you for all the memorial donations. Your kindness is so appreciated.

A special thank you to the Norland Ladies Auxiliary for the wonderful lunch.

**Fay and Family**


## Thank You Cards

We wish to **THANK** our many friends who donated flowers and contributions to charities of their choice and for the many sympathy cards we have received in a tribute to Helen. A special thanks to the Algonquin Highlands Fire department the ambulance personnel the doctors and nurses at the Minden and Peterborough Hospitals. Kirsten & Barry at the Gordon Monk Funeral Home, Our lady of Fatima altar society for the beautiful luncheon and too all our friends who brought food to the house. Helen and I have been blessed to live in such a caring community.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Applicant: Earle  
Lot 4, Concession 3, Kushog Lake  
Geographic Township of Stanhope

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Part Lot 4, Concession 3, Kushog Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.


**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 4, Concession 3 described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

**FIRSTLY:** THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Part Lot 4, Concession 3, described as Part 2 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-9436.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at it's regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

**Dated:** January 23, 2013

**Dawn Newhook**  
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**MEETING NOTICE**  
**2013 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS**

**TAKE NOTICE** that Council will begin its 2013 budget deliberations during its Regular Council Meeting scheduled for **Thursday, February 7, 2013.**

Council will continue its 2013 budget deliberations during a Special Meeting of Council scheduled for **Friday, February 8, 2013 commencing at 9:00 a.m.**

Both meetings will take place in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of January, 2013.

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# County card scores

by Patti Fleury

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January 11 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Jackie Metcalf and Bruce Armstrong took top spot at 68 percent then Kathie Porter and Helen Baker 58 percent.

January 15 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Pearl Cowen reports some impressive scores with Diane Platt and Merv Elstone first at 468 then Sandy Poulton and Moe Biscoe next at 427. In third spot at 409 were Connie Sawyer and Jean Randell while Eleanor Lymer partnered with John Platt claimed the afternoon's low with a still respectable 223.

January 15 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Pat Roussel 306, Sharron Atkinson 228, Theresa Deak 227 and Shirley Milne 225. First for the gents at 252 was Archie Ross followed by Jesse Barlow 234, Ron Morrison 206 and Kevin Maloney 199. Archie also won the major draw with Belle Walker, Vi Howell and Tom Grix claiming the smaller prizes and Karin Harrison taking the only moonshot. This news comes from Betty Wagar.

January 15 contract bridge at Minden United Church: The top trio members were Max Ward 4,520, Jim Burrows 3,650 and Don Ballantyne 3,610. This 9 a.m. morning group would be a great way to start off the day and beginners are welcome to join in with special assistance provided by Jan Heaven. For more details give Nancy Ballantyne a call at 705-286-1305.

January 15 contract bridge at Club 35: Our interim bridge reporter for three events Muriel McIntosh led the high scoring quartet at 5,110 followed by Irena Zworska 4,740, Bruce Armstrong 4,500 and Reet Murray 4,050. Carol Bowker won the draw while Heather Lindsay received the Shiny Penny. There was one Small Slam bid and played by Irena and Alek Zworski.

January 15 Gelert euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Lone hand honours went to Tom Grix with our reporter Rae and Bruce Shephard posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Shirley and Terry Davies while Emily Harvie won the draw. The Gelert and Lochlin groups continue to alternate each playing every other Tuesday at the Lochlin Centre.

January 16 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Play-

ing Howell Helen Baker and Muriel McIntosh were first at 54 percent with an unusual three way tie for second place between Jan and Dave Heaven, Jackie Metcalf and Joan Galley and Dee MacLean partnered with Joan Davies all at 51 percent.

January 16 Big Bucks Bid Euchre at Kinmount Legion: Rose Isaacson reports that the top trio members were Libby 394, Cathy Hicks 383 and Bill Muzzi 379 with Hugh Fountain holding the hidden score and too many moonshots to list. This event is held on the third Wednesday of each month starting at 11 a.m.

January 16 bid euchre at Stanhope: Leading the pinks was our reporter Linda Lambert 238 then Pearl Cowen 230 and Kelly Clarke 217 while first for the whites was Colin Miller 368 followed by Dwayne Windsor 249 and Pat Scadden 235. The three moonshots went to Colin Miller, Jean Scadden and Debbie Lambe.

January 17 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Theresa Deak 251, Sharron Atkinson 235, Pearl Cowen 229 and Gala Newell 218. At 266 Tom Grix took top spot for the gents then John Deak 263, Albert Foster 220 and Kevin Maloney 215. Marcy Morgan won the major draw, Eileen Shapiera, Tom Grix and Jean Dutka claimed the smaller prizes and moonshots went to Eileen Shapiera and Theresa Deak. Thanks to Bev Johnson for her report.

January 17 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Tom Grix and Doug McIntosh with Theresa Deak and Bob Pollard posting the highs. The evening's lows went to Pearl Cowen and Jesse Barlow while Theresa Deak and our reporter May Bradbury along with Muriel and Doug McIntosh [2] won the other prizes.

January 18 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Kevin Maloney won for high hands, Arthur Forbes for lone hands, Pat Bailey for low hands and Sandra Crockett for the special prize.

January 18 bid euchre at Club 35: Pink honours went to Jean Randell 275, Pat Marshall 257 and Marg Oetelaar 242. First for the whites at 359 was Garth Windsor then our reporter Jean Dutka 279 and Colin Miller 201 while Dwayne Windsor held the hidden score and the moonshots went to

Pat Marshall and Colin Miller.

January 19 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Theresa Deak 271, Betty Wagar 246 and tied for third spot at 236 Pat Roussel and Vi Howell. First for the gents at 312 was Tom Grix followed by Albert Foster 308, Pat Scadden 281 and Archie Ross 241. Emily Harvie won the draw while the moonshots went to Margaret Fletcher, Betty Wagar and Albert Foster. Thanks to Sherin Brown for this news.

January 20 euchre at 6 Parkside, Minden: Arthur Forbes reports that Carol Derbyshire won for both high hands and the special prize, Sandra Crockett for lone hands and Jayne Cooper for low hands.

January 20 Sunday Bid Euchre: This is a special held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the Community Centre. Convener Bev Johnson reports that the top trio members were Marcel Roussel, June Branning and Albert Foster.

January 21 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Barb Braithwaite reports that lone hand honours went to Pearl Cowen and Tim Sharpe with Yvonne Arbuthnot and Shirley Jones posting the high scores. The afternoon's lows went to Lauren McCracken and Betty Sharpe while Pearl Cowen won the special prize.

January 21 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top three players were Emily Harvie 295, Theresa Deak 253 and Vic Ballik 245 with Frank Franzen winning the draw. There were several moonshots going to Karin Harrison, Tom Grix, Theresa Deak, Emily Harvie, Ron Morrison and Gala Newell. This news comes from Rose Isaacson.

January 21 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Nick Boekestyn, for lone hands Murray Daniels, for low hands Sandra Crockett and for the special prize Elaine Yeo. Thanks for this update to Doreen French.

January 21 euchre at Club 35: Most lone hand honours went to Jean Randell with the high scores posted by Dorene Elstone and Jean Dutka. Marg Oetelaar and Merv Elstone claimed the lows while our reporter Garth Windsor won the baloney.

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- Large lot close to town great for kids

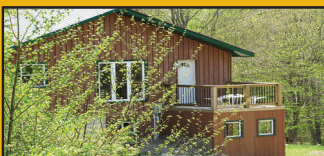
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#### Haliburton Sunnyside Lot \$42,900

- Great in town building lot
- Well treed, hydro at road
- Quiet end of road location
- 5 Lake Chain minutes away

Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22



#### Kennisis Lake/Haliburton Forest \$239,000

- Walking/hiking trails, 5+ acres
- 5 mins to Kennisis/Haliburton Forest
- 3 bdrms, 2 bath, lower W/O, very priv
- Trails ideal for kids ATV/snowmachine

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#### Excellent Building Lot \$69,900

- Level lot, ravine at back with stream;
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- Connect to Maple, Pine and Green Lakes
- Attached 1.5 garage in quiet area

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- Original hardwood floors
- Many recent renovations
- Big back yard
- Walk to all amenities

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28



#### 5 Lake Kashagawigamog Chain \$329,000

- 254 ft. frontage, well treed, great privacy
- Gently sloping lot, miles of boating
- Super location, minutes to town
- Old log cottage with lots of charm

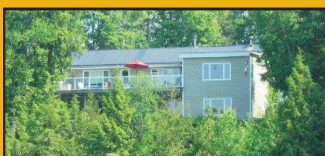
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- Beautiful, large 1.6 acre lot
- Great access & high speed available
- Outbuilding could be wkshp or studio

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- Beautifully renovated cottage/home
- 4+1 Bedrooms, 2 baths, full walkout bsmt
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- Solid charming 3 bdrm home
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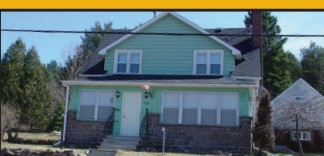
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- 2 bedrooms+den
- Large sunroom
- Double garage
- Propane stove

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Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31



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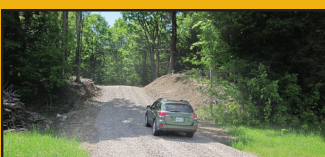
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- Sunset exposure, sandy shoreline
- Wonderful 5 lake chain

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- Mostly upgraded windows- Awesome lot
- Lg lot excellent location for home based business

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#### Scotch Line Road \$229,000

- Century 2 Bedroom/1 Bathroom Log Home
- Sits on 8 Acres with a Pond
- Detached 28' x 34' Garage
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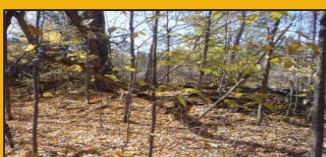
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